



# ERO Early Childhood Service Akanuku | Assurance Review

**Early Childhood Service Name:** Lambs Preschool Brookfield

**Profile Number:** 40319

**Location:** Tauranga

ERO's Akanuku | Assurance Review reports provide information about whether a service meets and maintains regulatory standards. Further information about Akanuku | Assurance Reviews is included at the end of this report.

## ERO's Judgement

Regulatory standards	ERO's judgement
Curriculum	Meeting
Premises and facilities	Meeting
Health and safety	Meeting
Governance, management and administration	Meeting

At the time of the review, ERO found the service was taking reasonable steps to meet regulatory standards.

## Background

Lambs Preschool Brookfield is one of three education and care services under the same ownership. The early childhood qualified owner and centre manager provide leadership for the teaching team. Staffing has remained stable since the change of ownership in late 2020. This is the service's first ERO review since that time.

## Summary of Review Findings

Children experience a curriculum that is language rich. It is informed by assessment, planning and evaluation. Support is given to children to develop social competence. Children make decisions about their learning. Adults engage in meaningful and positive interactions to enhance children's learning and nurture reciprocal relationships. A range of experiences and opportunities are provided to extend and enhance learning both indoors and outside.

Regular opportunities are provided for parents to share and communicate about their child. Teachers demonstrate an understanding of children's learning and have knowledge of relevant learning theories. The service's philosophy statement guides operation.

## Key Next Steps

Next steps include:

- strengthening the extent to which information documented about children's learning reflects their identity, language and culture.

## Next ERO Review

The next ERO review is likely to be an Akarangi | Quality Evaluation.



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## Information About the Service

Service type	Education and care service
Number licensed for	50 children, including up to 20 aged under 2
Percentage of qualified teachers	80-99%
Service roll	53
Ethnic composition	Māori 13, NZ European/Pākehā 27, Pacific 6, Other ethnic groups 7
Review team on site	February 2022
Date of this report	22 March 2022
Most recent ERO report(s) These are available at <a href="http://www.ero.govt.nz">www.ero.govt.nz</a>	Education Review, April 2020; Education Review, November 2016 both as Natures Cove Early Learning Centre.

## General Information about Assurance Reviews

All services are licensed under the *Education (Early Childhood Services) Regulations 2008*. The legal requirements for early childhood services also include the *Licensing Criteria for Education and Care Services 2008*.

Services must meet the standards in the regulations and the requirements of the licensing criteria to gain and maintain a licence to operate.

### ERO undertakes an Akanuku | Assurance Review process in any centre-based service:

- having its first ERO review – including if it is part of a governing organisation
- previously identified as ‘not well placed’ or ‘requiring further development’
- that has moved from a provisional to a full licence
- that have been re-licensed due to a change of ownership
- where an Akanuku | Assurance Review process is determined to be appropriate.

### Management Assurance on Legal Requirements

All early childhood services are required to promote children’s health and safety and to regularly review their compliance with legal requirements. Before the review, the staff and management of a service completed an ERO Centre Assurance Statement and Self-Audit Checklist. In these documents they attested that they have taken all reasonable steps to meet their legal obligations related to:

- curriculum
- premises and facilities
- health and safety practices
- governance, management and administration.

As part of an Akanuku | Assurance Review ERO assesses whether the regulated standards are being met. In particular, ERO looks at a service’s systems for managing the following areas that have a potentially high impact on children’s wellbeing:

- emotional safety (including positive guidance and child protection)
- physical safety (including supervision; sleep procedures; accidents; medication; hygiene; excursion policies and procedures)
- suitable staffing (including qualification levels; police vetting; teacher certification; ratios)
- evacuation procedures and practices for fire and earthquake.

As part of an Akanuku | Assurance Review ERO also gathers and records evidence through:

- discussions with those involved in the service
- consideration of relevant documentation, including the implementation of health and safety systems
- observations of the environment/premises, curriculum implementation and teaching practice.