



# ERO Early Childhood Service Akanuku | Assurance Review

**Early Childhood Service Name:** Blooming Buds Early Learning Centre

**Profile Number:** 47648

**Location:** Glen Eden, Auckland

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

Blooming Buds Early Learning Centre opened in May 2019. It operates from purpose-built facilities in West Auckland. There are systems and procedures in place to guide centre operations. The owner manages the centre, with support from team leaders. This is the first ERO review of the centre.

## Summary of Review Findings

The service curriculum is inclusive, and responsive to tamariki as confident and competent learners. Tamariki preferences are respected, and they are involved in decisions about their learning experiences. The design and layout of the premises support the provision of different types of indoor and outdoor play.

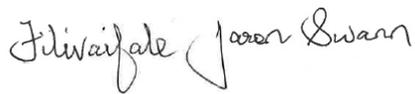
The centre provides opportunities to collaborate with parents and whānau about centre operations and their child's learning. Teacher appraisal and internal evaluation processes are established. Health and safety procedures are monitored, and changes made when required. The philosophy expresses the centre's beliefs and values about the provision of early childhood education and care.

### Key Next Steps

Next steps include providing further opportunities for children to develop knowledge and understanding of the cultural heritages of both parties to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

### 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	120 children, including up to 20 aged under 2.
Percentage of qualified teachers	80-99%
Service roll	103
Ethnic composition	Māori 20%, NZ European/Pākehā 10%, Indian 29%, Fijian 7%, Samoan 5%, other Asian 10%, other European 9%, other ethnic groups 10%
Review team on site	February 2022
Date of this report	23 March 2022
Most recent ERO report(s) These are available at <a href="http://www.ero.govt.nz">www.ero.govt.nz</a>	First ERO review of the service.

## 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.