



## ERO Early Childhood Service Akanuku | Assurance Review

Early Childhood Service Name	Little Loves Early Learning Centre
Profile Number	47605
Location	Ranui, 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

Little Loves Early Learning Centre opened in February 2019. The centre owners manage the centre with support from a head teacher and four qualified teachers. There are two areas for children from infants to school age. A small number of Māori children are enrolled. This is the first ERO review of the service.

### Summary of Review Findings

The service curriculum is inclusive and responsive to children as confident and competent learners. The right of each children to be confident in their own culture is respected. Children have opportunities to develop an understanding of the dual cultural heritage of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Teachers provide children with a range of indoor and outdoor experiences and opportunities to enhance their learning and development. A language-rich environment supports children's developing social competence and understanding of appropriate behaviour. Teachers engage in meaningful, positive interactions with children and adults. A philosophy statement and annual plan guide the service's operation.

## Key Next Steps

Next steps include:

- improving the extent to which planning, and assessment information shows children's progress and learning over time
- embedding an ongoing process of self review that contributes to improved teaching practices and learning outcomes for children.

## Next ERO Review

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

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Steve Tanner  
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Northern Region | Te Tai Raki

4 February 2021

## Information About the Service

Service type	Education and care service												
Number licensed for	47 children, including up to 10 aged under 2												
Percentage of qualified teachers	80%+												
Service roll	32												
Ethnic composition	<table> <tr> <td>Māori</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NZ European/Pākehā</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Indian</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pacific</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Filipino</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>other ethnic groups</td> <td>7</td> </tr> </table>	Māori	7	NZ European/Pākehā	4	Indian	5	Pacific	5	Filipino	4	other ethnic groups	7
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Review team on site	November 2020												
Date of this report	3 February 2021												
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.