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ENVIRONMENTAL KAITIAKITANGA POLICY

RATIONALE

At Flying Kiwi Preschool we recognise the importance of kaitiakitanga, protection and care for the environment. Through tamariki being immersed and involved from a very young age we aim to instil a respectful and loving disposition towards the world, helping to make it a better place in which to live for future years.

TE WH**Ā**RIKI

***Belonging/Mana atua - Goal 2:*** Tamariki and their whānau experience an environment where they know they have a place.

***Exploration/ Mana aoturoa - Goal 4:*** Tamariki experience an environment where they develop working theories for making sense of the natural, social, physical, and material worlds.

PROCEDURES

 Tamariki will be involved as much as possible in the procedures and practices of caring for the environment.

 We will ensure our environments include the wonder that nature has to offer, for example: flowers, vegetables, and native flora and fauna.

 There will be dedicated recycling bins located around the centre to ensure kaiako and tamariki can recycle where appropriate.

 We will employ strategies to recycle kai waste, for instance have a worm farm and/ or compost bin.

 We will support any mātua who wishes to use cloth nappies at the centre.

 To reduce power usage, we will employ strategies such as turning off lights when not in use, installing eco light bulbs and turning off computers or electronics at night.

 To reduce paper waste, we will employ strategies such as reusing non-confidential office paper for art purposes, accept donations of paper/ cardboard to reuse.

 When purchasing new resources, we will look for those which support our environmental and sustainable practices.

 Information about our environmental practices will be shared with mātua and whānau through noticeboards, e-mails, workshops, and newsletters, as well as through our daily conversations.

**LINKS TO:**

* Ngahere Education Policy
* Sustainable Practices Resource

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**Review date:**