

**POISONOUS PLANTS POLICY**

**RATIONALE**

Flying Kiwi Preschool provides, for the welfare of the tamariki, a safe and stimulating environment. Hazards such as poisonous plants are minimised while still ensuring the natural beauty of the environment is preserved.

**TE** **WHĀRIKI:**

***Well-being/******Mana******atua******-******Goal******3:***Tamariki and adults experience an environment where they are kept safe from harm.

**Licensing** **Criteria** **for** **Early** **Childhood** **Education** **&** **Care** **Services** **2008**

**Health** **and** **Safety:** **Hazards** **and** **Excursions**

* **HS12:** Equipment, premises and facilities are checked on every day of operation for hazards to children. Accident/incident records are analysed to identify hazards and appropriate action is taken. Hazards to the safety of children are eliminated, isolated or minimised. Consideration of a hazard must include poisonous plants.

**PROCEDURES:**

* Information regarding the identification of poisonous plants is kept on the premises.
* Poisonous plants will be removed when they are insignificant to the aesthetic appeal of the environment.
* Poisonous plants that are significant to the beauty and/or curriculum programme of the environment will be pruned and leaf litter and/or berries will be raked and removed to minimise the danger to tamariki.
* Tamariki will be taught about poisonous plants and mātua informed of any poisonous plants within the environment.
* Tamariki bringing plants from home will inform a kaiako on arrival.
* The nationwide Poison Centre phone number is clearly visible in the office and emergency folder.
* Daily checks are made to ensure there are no new poisonous plants on the premises.

**Date** **approved:**

**Review** **date:**