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Centre Philosophy Statement

At The Children's Corner, we are a committed and dedicated team with a shared vision for providing what is in the best interests of the children within our care. We are guided by a set of core values which consist of working together with whanau, educating with quality, meeting professional standards and achieving these with respect.

We believe that children should experience a warm, accepting, safe and nurturing environment where children can develop to the highest of their potential. All staff recognise that parents/whanau and caregivers are primary to a child's well-being and will work in partnership to support and achieve positive outcomes for all ākonga.

At The Children's Corner, we acknowledge Te Tiriti o Waitangi and believe that all children should have the opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of the cultural backgrounds of both parties to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We are a multi-cultural centre, who respect and acknowledge this through respecting family's cultural views.

We recognise and value the importance of our children's Individuality, Inquisitiveness, Inclusion and Independence.

As a team, we believe Early Childhood should be fun as it's a time for exploration, discovery and active learning. It is an important time where lifelong attitudes and skills are taking shape therefore as a team we work hard to ensure that all children feel safe, secure, valued, respected and listened to as we form a positive foundation for them to grow as happy, engaged and independent ākonga.

Our kaiako use positive guidance and role modelling to help promote turn-taking, empathy and problem solving. We value the importance of whānau as we work alongside children getting to know them, their temperaments, quirks, interests, cultures and their family. This provides us with the information needed to be able to provide a child-focused programme which includes meaningful planning and consists of experiences that are challenging, child-led and age appropriate.

In providing a secure, fun loving environment, it is essential for our kaiako to work alongside children challenging, supporting and extending them to encourage a lifelong love of learning, while preparing them for the next step in their learning journey. We aim to empower and foster each child's independence and social competence as children have opportunities to make decisions and take responsibility for each other and their surroundings.

Our teaching staff are committed to providing care that centres around treating each child with respect by acknowledging children as individuals and taking the time to recognise and

respond to their cues. We acknowledge that each child is unique with individual needs and abilities that may differ from others and recognise that there can be wide variations of development and readiness between children. Therefore, we aim to provide experiences that build on each other's strengths and interests through opportunities to explore and experiment, in an environment where children are supported with their own learning.