

## ***Teaching statement, Flanshaw Infant and Toddler centre***

With the underpinning values of Te Whariki guiding our practice we take a holistic approach to the care and learning environment we provide to our tamariki. Throughout our interactions with our tamariki we demonstrate respectful practice, ensuring our tamariki are as comfortable and empowered as possible. Through working with young children we recognise the diverse forms of communication our tamariki have and are able to respond to children's verbal and non-verbal cues.

We approach care moments such as nappy changes, sleep times and meals without hurry, entrusting our tamariki to make their own choices, whilst being supported by teachers to whom they have developed relationships with. Relationships are a very essential part of supporting young children's learning, through strength in relationship with children, whanau and amongst our teaching team we are able to meet the diverse needs of all tamariki. Within our infant space we value the depth of consistency our low numbers and intimate teaching team offer, supporting our teina to develop trusting relationships at such an integral part of their development.

We endeavour to provide a home away from home where our children experience a safe and secure physical and emotional environment that they can flourish within. We value sustainability within the centre, opting to fill our spaces with preloved furniture resembling a home environment and offering real items for our tamariki to explore. Our resources are open ended supporting our children's creativity and celebrating their ability to create purpose.

We celebrate our tamariki, and their ability to learn through the freedom of play and through all seasons play. Our tamariki have the opportunity to revisit previous learning and gather knowledge through unhurried play, where routine does not interfere with the depth of learning they can take from a moment. We trust our

tamariki to make their own choices and be directors in their own learning, with the knowledge that their kaiako are available and present. Through providing an environment rich in opportunity and learning provocations our tamariki are immersed in an atmosphere that celebrates and promotes learning. As they gather knowledge they develop dispositions that will provide them with the techniques and skills for future learning.

As a centre we honour the trust put into us as we care for your tamariki, we endeavour to bring passion, innovation and an underpinning value of love and care to your child's days with us.