



AROHA EARLY LEARNING CENTRE:

Date: 20.01.16

Cultural Centre Support

Rationale:

Moving into a new community/country can be a time of change causing anxiety; at the Aroha Early Learning Centre we wish to support these new comers so that they feel supported, comfortable, happy to communicate, and to get the best from the Centre and the surrounding community.

Policy Statement:

This time of change will happen over a period of time where collaboration & communication will be the main key to easing and supporting a new family into the Centre and then successfully into the Gore district.

Procedures:

- To get to know the new family and value their uniqueness, their contribution to the Centre life & community,
- When the language of the newcomer is other than that spoken in the Centre, there are to be measures put in place to support successful communication and we as teachers will become learners alongside the new family, learning key words from their first language; we will all be co-constructors together,
- Introductions will be made to other services available in the Gore community such as: Plunket Society, Health and other relevant services,
- We will collect and/or request resources that will support our learning of the new family's origin,

Aim:

The aim of the Aroha Early Learning Centre teaching staff is to integrate new families/whānau into the Centre, supporting the process of integration into the Community & country.

Consultation:

Who? The newly enrolled families from outside of New Zealand and from outside of the province.

How? Survey requesting feedback.

When? April, 2016

Budget: professional development- cost applicable.

Next review: January, 2018

Reflective Questions:

“Do the families want us to explore their Cultural Practices?”

“How can we ensure our approach is genuine and not tokenistic?”

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Survey for Centre families who have come into the Gore District from another country and/or culture:

Date:

So we are more updated on ways to support new families and especially those who come from another cultural or ethnic background please respond to the following:

1. My family feels comfortable with the Centre routines and learning environment:

Always Most times Usually Never
(Please circle one and then respond to the question)

- Name one thing that has supported you and your child into the Centre environment.

- Name one thing or issue that you have found difficult to cope with, and has been a cause for concern in settling your child.

2. There are familiar things in the Centre environment that help me support my child to settle into the Learning Centre.

Always Most times Usually Never

- As teaching staff we wish to ensure the best possible environment for you and your child to settle and become part of the learning Centre & the local community; how could we as teaching staff ensure this is happening?

Thankyou for responding to this survey, it is for the purpose of improving our service to all families that attend the Centre.

Please add any other information that assists us in doing this below.

Other: