

To the parents, whānau, kaiako and educators

ERO's Akanuku | Assurance Review of Your Home-based Education and Care Early Childhood Service

The Education Review Office (ERO) will soon be undertaking an Akanuku | Assurance Review of your early childhood service. The manager of your service will let you know when the review team will be onsite.

As part of the Akanuku | Assurance Review ERO will visit a sample of educator homes.

The Education and Training Act 2020 (the Act)

Section 624: gives ERO power to enter and inspect, without warrant, homes used by licensed home-based education and care services subject to certain requirements.

Section 625: Review Officers to prove identity before acting under section 624.

Section 624 of the Act includes:

- reviewing and evaluating curriculum delivery and health and safety performance in a home used by a licensed home-based education and care service at any reasonable time given reasonable notice to the relevant service provider
- a review officer may only inspect those areas of a home that are used to provide the licensed home-based education and care service
- if a service provider receives notice, the service provider must provide the Education Review Office with a list of the addresses of all the homes where the service provider provides a licensed home-based education and care service. A review officer may request those given notice to provide, before the entry, information that is reasonably necessary or desirable to carry out the inspection or inquiries
- the request may be part of the notice.

The service provider and the review coordinator will discuss how:

- the addresses of educator homes will be shared with consideration to privacy and security of the information; and
- home entry can be undertaken to be as minimally intrusive as possible.

What does ERO want to know?

ERO is interested in evaluating the information and practices the service has to show how it meets regulatory standards and provides for the health and safety of your children.

To find this out, ERO will assess whether the service is meeting the regulatory standards associated with curriculum, premises and facilities, health and safety and governance, management and administration.

ERO reviewers will talk with adults in the service, read documents and observe aspects of the curriculum. ERO will also be interested in how parents and whānau are supported to contribute to their child's learning and how kaiako and parents and whānau are involved in decision-making in the service.

Once we have all the information we need, ERO will summarise what we found in a brief report. The report will be sent to your service and will be published on our website after the review (www.ero.govt.nz).

How can you get involved?

Our review officers are happy to talk to parents, whānau and kaiako during the review.

We look forward to being in your early childhood service.

ERO review team