



Kidiwise Preschool & Childcare Philosophy

At Kidiwise Preschool & Childcare we believe in the importance of providing care and education for children which supports them in becoming independent, resilient and passionate learners with great social skills and a deep empathy for others and the environment.

We do this through building warm and supportive relationships with parents, whānau, caregivers and their children. We offer an open door policy where parents are welcome to stay and visit. We are always available to talk and understand the importance of consistent, nurturing, individualised care. We strive to provide a natural, warm, welcoming, inclusive, home like environment. All children should have a feeling of belonging.

We believe children need to be given freedom to move independently, have a voice, make choices, develop healthy attitudes, emotional competence and be active participants in their daily care.

We are committed to providing a curriculum which is responsive to children's strengths and reflects their current interests. We believe in hands on learning. In turn learning becomes more meaningful and fun. We foster curiosity and discovery through science and everyday exploration. We believe in supporting children through self-initiated challenges by encouraging problem solving skills.

We believe all children are capable and competent learners. Our environment reflects this. We provide a range of supportive but challenging environments, which progress with each age group.

We hold high emphasis in the importance of natural, outdoor play. At Kidiwise we provide opportunities to explore and discover through Papatūānuku, our earth mother. We have access to large outdoor areas for every age group, natural resources, Centre animals and a bush environment.

Here children become empowered to develop risk management skills, a positive self-image, confidence, resilience, great leadership skills and empathy for others through caring and supporting peers.

We believe that if we care for the environment, it in turn will care for us and our wellbeing. Therefore we are an environmentally friendly Centre. We do this through encouraging respect and care for Papatūānuku and Tāne Mahuta, God of the forest, gardening, bush walks, outdoor play, feeding scraps to animals and the worm farm, using cloth nappies and using environmentally friendly cleaning products. We also encourage a healthy diet, free from sugar, additives and preservatives.

Mission Statement

A moving child is a learning child.