



## Māori As Tangata Whenua

### ***Rationale/Purpose***

Agapé respects Māori as tangata whenua in Aotearoa / New Zealand. Agapé encourages an awareness and appreciation of the bi-cultural heritage of our country. We support the use of Te Reo Māori as a living language.

### ***Te Whaariki***

Communication - Goal 3. Children experience an environment where they experience the stories and symbols of their own and other cultures.

### ***Procedures***

- Teachers are encouraged to use Te Reo Māori phrases and words.
- Teachers will discuss and inform others in the centre of appropriate practice with regard to tikanga Māori to increase awareness of the partnership inherent with Te Tiriti O Waitangi.
- Consultation with local hapu & iwi will increase our Te Reo Maori and Tikanga practices within the centre.
- Visual aids and language prompts are displayed throughout the centre encouraging teachers to extend their knowledge of Te Reo Māori.
- Teachers are encouraged to greet children, parents, colleagues and phone enquiries in both Māori and English.
- Te Reo Māori is incorporated into all areas of the curriculum.
- Professional development funds and time are made available for teachers to extend their Tikanga and Te Reo knowledge.
- Teachers will make, find and provide Māori and natural teaching resources.
- Basic vocabulary and simple waiata will be communicated to parents via notices and newsboards.

### ***Lines of Responsibility:***

Licensee, Principal Teacher, Staff, Whanau, Tamariki

Date: May 2010  
Signed:

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Responsibility for Review: Licensee