



## **Transition to School Policy**

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

To encourage all children to be able to participate in a smooth and comfortable transition from Agapé Christian Preschool to school.

To help parents, caregivers, whanau and children to contribute to this process.

### ***Statement/Objective***

We will endeavour to develop ways for ensuring a smooth transition between our centre and school for children and families/whanau/hapu/iwi to parents of full time and part time children attending Agapé Christian Preschool.

### ***Broad Guidelines:***

We will advise parents/whanau to visit the school of their choice with their child/ren before their child/ren goes to school therefore giving their child a sense of belonging before they start their first day of school.

- We liaise with parents to find out which school their child/ren will be attending and encourage pre entry visits for parents and child/ren attending.
- Children will become familiar with their lunch box, its content and time factor.
- We build up child/ren's confidence and self-reliance in every possible way.
- Child/ren is given a special goodbye on turning five or six or when they are going off to school.
- Children's profiles are given to parents/whanau when child/ren leaves the centre.
- Parents are given a copy of our Transition to School Policy at least two months before they leave.

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

Principal Teacher and Staff

### ***Links to Other Documentation:***

DOP's 1C, 4C, 6A, 8B, 10B

Te Whaariki – S.3, G.2, G.3; S.1, G.1

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Responsibility for Review: Principal Teacher