**Transition to school statement**

At Little Pioneers we are a transition to school centre. We aim to provide a quality programme that supports children and their family towards their journey to primary school.

We are focused on teaching children strong foundations that facilitate their preparation for the school environment. We value relationships and support forming connections between tamariki, whanau their local school. Having connections between centre and school helps develop a child’s sense of wellbeing and belonging. We pride ourselves on having open lines of communication between whanau and school.

We strive to support children in peer interactions and friendships. We understand that being able to make and keep friends has a lifetime effect on a person’s social and emotional wellbeing and hold this as one of the most important transition to school skills.

We work hard to plan a programme that caters for our children’s different needs, strengths, dispositions, curiosities, character and skills, as no child is the same. We understand the skills that children need to be equipped with to succeed at school and cater to this with realistic expectations of our children.

Our programme recognises the holistic way in which children learn. We provide opportunities for children to enquire, investigate and develop their own working theories about the world. We believe play is the highest form of research and this is very obvious in our children’s day.

Our goal is to make learning fun with a collaborative approach. We aim for children to be excited about going to school, with a thirst for knowledge, ready to take on their next learning journey.

