

# Little Pioneers Philosophy

*At Little Pioneers we aim to provide a programme to support all tamariki and their whanau towards their journey to school*

*As a team we believe through play tamariki begin to understand themselves as confident, independent and responsible learners.*

*There is a natural rhythm and routine comforting for tamariki and kaiako that guides transition periods successfully.*

*We value Te Whariki as our bi-cultural curriculum and believe it underpins our very own philosophy.*

*We encourage children to lead their own learning, be creative, inquire and explore.*

*We value movement and play as the basis for building strong foundations in preparation for formal learning.*

*The role that kaiako and matua have in scaffolding tamariki learning is valued.*

*At Little Pioneers we support our tamariki to learn and be confident for school. Through strong relationships we work closely with matua, tamariki and kura (schools) to ensure that processes are smooth and successful.*

*We are aware and respectful of the diverse nature of families in the community surrounding us.*

*We value the importance of making friends and all the wonderful social skills that are associated with having relationships.*

*Our purpose is to offer all tamariki safe, respectful, secure and loving relationships throughout their time with us.*

*We recognise tamariki as having unique personalities and curiosities.*

*Ultimately, we are about having fun while learning and learning to have fun at Little Pioneers.*