



TE KURA WHAKAPUMAU I TE REO TUTURU KI
WAITAHA

Child Abuse Procedures

Te Aho Matua

He tapu te tangata ahakoa ko wai. Kohungahunga mai, tamariki mai, taipakeke mai, kaumatua mai, he tapu katoa. Kia kaua te hunga o ngā Kura Kaupapa Māori e tūkino, e whakaiti, e whakaparahako i te tangata, e mahi puhaehae rānei ki ētahi atu. Kia ngākau mahaki rātou ki a rātou, ki te iwi whānui ki a tauwiwi hoki

Te Ira Tangata 1.5

Pūtake:

Te Kura Whakapūmau I Te Reo Tūturu ki Waitaha is committed to the prevention of child abuse and the protection of all tamariki. The Kura has particular responsibilities under legislation as well as through social expectations, to provide a safe environment that caters for the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of its students.

Whāinga:

- 1 To ensure that the safety and wellbeing of all tamariki is paramount
- 2 To provide a set of guidelines for staff for identification of suspected abuse and expected procedures when concerns are evident
- 3 To provide regular training for staff in how to prevent, recognise and respond to child abuse
- 4 To provide a service within the Kura where tamariki can go and talk about their feelings, troubles etc.
- 5 A commitment to ensure that tamariki are provided with prevention education to enhance their safety and awareness.

Ara Tohu:

Listen: allow them to say what it is they need to say. Do not put words into the child’s mouth.

Reassure: let the child know that it is important to talk about their worries.

Act: let the child know that you will act to keep them safe.

Jobs for you:

1. Do not over-react or panic. The child will be watching you to see what you think. They need to know that what they have told you is not so dreadful that you cannot cope with it. They have told you because they need your help.
2. Ensure that the child is safe from any further danger
3. Write down what the child has said as soon as you are able to, this helps you to keep what the child has said clear.
4. The Tumuaki will listen to your account and use the written documentation to discuss the matter further.
5. The following flow graph, as provided by the Best Practice Guidelines, will then be followed.

SOCIAL SERVICE RESPONSE TO CHILD DISCLOSURES

How the system deals with child abuse disclosures

