

# Kinderen

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ESTB 1986



## ECE 20 hours



At Kinderen we are committed to providing high quality care and education. Children learn and thrive at Kinderen because the children come first and the staff work closely with parents and whānau to create a partnership that offers each child the highest quality individual care and learning opportunities possible.

Kinderen, where we truly are like an extension of your own home, where we care and educate.

## **Why is there an optional payment for 20 Hours ECE?**

The Government's 20 hours ECE funding covers a basic level of education. Kinderen's policy has always been that "the children come first" and to achieve that we have had a higher than minimum staff ratio for as long as we have been open (1986). We have a higher proportion of ECE qualified and registered teachers than is funded for by the Ministry of Education (more than 80% registered teachers). The minimum legal ratio for this age group is 1 staff to 10 children. We have a 1:6 or 7 staff ratio for this age group and the extra staff members give the children much more opportunity for one on one and very small group work with adult support. This is a vital component of our pre school education and Kinderen is not prepared to lose this valuable contribution to your children's learning. The extra staff member is part of the optional charge we have at Kinderen and this is charged at \$3.00 per hour for up to 20 hours for all children signing on for the 20 hours ECE funding.

We have high quality projects following on from children's interests and environment projects. Some of these projects will include transport for excursions in our local community. For these trips the Kinderen van has a 1 to 4 staff ratio, and a walking trip ratio of 1:5. We also provide sunscreen, hats, wet weather gear and toothbrushes in this optional payment.

We take pride in the food curriculum we have for our children. Our Kaiako kai—Food teacher—works with the team and children to ensure we meet the healthy heart standards. We continue to supply meals at Kinderen as we feel that this is a valuable learning time for children.

The time spent helping to prepare food, cook and set tables, cleaning up and generally assisting with meals is contributing to children's overall confidence and knowledge about caring for themselves and will remain a part of our self-help programme. An extra staff member is needed to help with this time of the day, to maintain this we require parents to contribute to additional costs.

If you decide that you do not wish not to pay the optional fee charges, unfortunately your child may miss out of this special programme .

At pre-school we also have Specialist Resource teaching for children that may require extra learning support, including assessments, parent/teacher or parent /teacher / agencies meetings.

We run a School Readiness focus that supports children with acquiring the key competencies and life skills for their ongoing learning journey.

Please ask for more information on our in-death program.

### **Extra Optional Services Available**

From time to time, excursions will be organised further afield outside city limits requiring payment of specific charges to cover transport and/or entry costs.

These will be communicated to parents on a case by case basis and consent will be sought in each case.

### **Paying for an outside agency**

Sometimes we organise other activities for the children from outside agencies. Kinderen will not be charging for the time it takes for a teacher to organise this, but there may be extra costs for these services.

Feel free to make suggestions!

## Note on Government Subsidies

The government subsidises teacher-lead education and care services for all licensed centres on a rate per attending child basis. Subsidies are provided with respect to every hour a child attends up to a maximum of 30 hours per week. The rates outlined above take all of these funding subsidies into account. Differentials in funding rates are applied by the government as follows:

- Children aged 3 to 6 year olds are funded by the government at a higher rate for centres offering the "20 Hours ECE" service, but for up to 20 hours per week only.
- Children aged under 2 years are funded at a higher rate than children aged 2 and over (up to 30 hours per week). The rate of funding per hour for under 2s is roughly the same as the "20 Hours ECE" rate for 3 to 6 year olds.
- The funding rate for all age groups increases with a higher proportion of qualified and registered staff. Rates are calculated based on the proportion of registered staff on duty at any point in time (i.e. staff on non-contact time are not counted). The regulated minimum proportion of qualified staff per centre is 50%. A higher rate of subsidy kicks in when a centre has over 80% qualified staff. A 100% qualified staff rate of subsidy became available in 2021. – Kinderen qualifies for 80% funding.
- No government funding is provided for hours attended in excess of 30 hours per week. For 3 to 6 year olds, a reduced rate of government funding applies for hours attended in excess of 20 but less than 30.

Latest funding rates are outlined on the [Ministry of Education website](#).

### ***ECE 20 hours: Quoted from Ministry Education web site:***

*If a parent chooses not to pay an optional charge, the only action a service can take is to withhold the additional features covered by the optional charge. By choosing not to pay an optional charge, parents are agreeing to not have access to that additional activity or item.*

*Parents who choose not to pay an optional charge must receive at least the standard of service required by the regulations.*

*Services must allow reasonable opportunities for parents to review the decisions regarding optional charges. Either party may initiate a change to the agreement, but both parties must agree on the changes.*

## Kinderen Daycare Centre Fees and Payment Information

(Note Kinderen does not require a minimum amount hours per day, it is your choice and a major point of difference in choosing Kinderen)

### Children aged 3 and over

Kinderen participates in the Government's "20 Hours ECE" scheme for 3 to 6 year olds. Parents and guardians are required to complete an attestation form stating the days and hours (up to 6 hours per day, 20 hours per week) they want provided by Kinderen under this scheme. Optional charge is not compulsory.

**For all children over 3 years (assuming families of 3 to 6 year olds have signed the attestation for the full 20 hours), the following fees apply:**

Optional Fees of \$2.80 : Reviewed 2016  
January 2023 Reviewed fees

### **Children accessing 20 Hours ECE**      \$3.00 per hour

This amount is partly subsidised by Kinderen

We request that you pay an Optional Charge related to the hours your child accesses the 20 Hours ECE Subsidy. This is because the subsidy does not cover all the costs incurred by our high quality service.

**There is a choice to opt in or to opt out of this optional charge:** This is agreed by both parties on your enrolment agreement before your child turns three years or when you first start at Kinderen and your child is already three years. We will ask you to sign and agree or disagree on your enrolment.

A childcare printout form is deemed part of your enrolment

Each time you change your days or hours, a childcare printout is signed for these changes, the optional charge will remain the same unless requested differently.

If you commence paying the Optional Charge and then elect to stop, you are required to give us two weeks' notice. This gives us the opportunity to make changes to our financial planning for the whole centre.

**Learning records:** Story park on-line portfolio system to document each child's learning pathways, the costs for producing the documentation in these portfolios is **\$7.00** four times a year (each school term).

**Sickness :** Fees will remain the same for sick days away

**Holidays:** Holidays booked two weeks in advance for full week only - Discount of 20% will given.

**Statutory holidays: Kinderen is closed on public holidays— no fees are charged**

**Transferring childcare hours from one day to another, swapping days will be a charge of \$10.00.**

Ministry funding stops after 3 weeks of being absent at one time, full fee will accrue if away for more than three weeks.

*For families of 3 to 6 year olds who have not signed the "20 Hours ECE" attestation, the fees will be the same as for children under 3 years. Please see Kinderen information booklet for under 3 years pricing.*

### **Fees over and above the 20 hours ECE**      @ \$10.20 per hour

Ask for our fees policy for more information

## How we calculated the amount for the optional fee for 20 hours funding

The ECE 20 hours funding we receive from the Ministry of Education pays for the minimum requirements to be met and anything over the minimum should be considered as an optional charge, which parents are required to agree to pay for.

We have calculated our costs over the year and divided it out to a weekly cost. As such, this is an amount that doesn't change, regardless of whether your child is absent.

The optional charge directly funds a number of very important items that are not required by government regulation and therefore not government funded under 20 hours ECE.

### These are:

**Additional staff** for our 3yrs to 5yrs beyond the minimum regulated adult: child ratios (1:7 instead of 1:10). High Quality projects with children interest and environment projects, extra staff for teachable moments to help children with their growth, specialist teaching, library visits for topic interests, community excursions.

**Specialist Resource teaching** for children that are interested in music, wood work and other interesting topics.

**Van Excursions:** Where travel is required to get to the destination. Please ask about our field trips that we may organize. The Junction, Ratapihipi Scenic reserve, Te Henui domain, Brooklands Zoo, Transport Museum, Port, Supermarket, are some of the areas we have visited.

**Special activities:** Related to outings in the van and special events

**Kinderen supply** of Sunscreen lotion / Summer Hats / Winter Hats / Wet weather clothing.

**Meals:** Our meals are a social ritual where the children sit together with a teacher at each table to eat, chat and help each other. We encourage asking for what want you and passing to each other, also serving themselves along with making healthy choices and trying new things.

After eating, the children are off to brush their teeth. Kinderen supplies a new toothbrush regularly. All meals are provided and the cost of the additional staff member covers preparing breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, late snack, and an extra teacher sitting with the children when they eat.

The total cost of these extras is \$5.20 per hour (divided over the year across all children) Kinderen subsidises \$2.20 per hour of this cost, so the cost that we ask for you to pay as an optional charge is **\$3.00** per "20 Hours ECE" enrolled hours.

(Maximum charge of \$18.00 per day)

The calculation is available for this review on request.

Please note that Kindergartens, on a 1:10 teacher child ratio, receive funding for their ECE hours at a cost of \$1.47 per child per hour MORE than private centres a day, and receive grants for food to supply to children in need—unfortunately we are not able to apply for grants such as this as we are a privately owned centre and considered 'for profit', even if we are not actually making a profit.)

**On enrolment:** If you choose to opt out of paying the current amount required for these extras. Kinderen will consider and respond to any request to change this agreement within one week with an alternative agreement.

**If you choose to change your minds in paying the optional payment:** You must give two weeks' notice in writing of their desire to change this options charge agreement.

**After opting out you can change your minds again to opt in within two weeks notice, it is as easy as filling in a form with dates and signature.**

## FOOD SAFETY

With the new Ministry of Health food rules effective from 25 January 2021 we are limiting the type of food to be bought in the centres from home. Please check with us before bringing any celebration food into the centre.

It is important for your child to be a part of our food curriculum as this is an important part of our centre, even though this is not included in the basic 20 hours ECE funding that we receive. However if you choose not to pay the optional charge towards meals, we can not guarantee that your child will be part of this learning as we rely on some of his cost to fund our Kaiako Kai and food for our tamariki.

**KINDEREN HAS A NON FOOD CHOKING PROCEDURE TO MANAGE THE NEW FOOD RULES FOR 2 TO 3 YEAR OLDS. Please ask for a copy.**

*Food allergies and intolerances will be the shared responsibility of the child's family and centre. On enrolment we ask parents/caregivers to share with us any information regarding children's allergies or intolerances. In individual cases it may be necessary to have a management plan in place.*

### **Nut free zone**

*In the interest of eliminating risk to children with nut allergies the centre is a nut free zone. Nut allergies are very common and can cause a severe reaction (sometimes anaphylactic) amongst young children.*

### **Egg free zone**

*Children with anaphylactic reactions to certain foods risk death if they come into contact with them.*

Contact details:

Kinderen Early Childhood Education

## **Administration enquiries**

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### **Kinderen Mission Statement - Kupu ārahi**

Children will be cared for in a warm and loving environment, which stimulates and promotes good health and learning.

Hei tiaki tamariki i roto i te mahana me te aroha, ka pakari to ora me te matauranga. EST. 1986.