

## Early Childhood Learning Centre

**Categories:** Health & Safety

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### **Policy statement**

- a. Staff will ensure that tables used for kai are cleaned thoroughly before they are used for kai, and do not have ~~active~~ toys on them during kai.
- b. Children will be seated and actively supervised by teachers at kai time.
- c. Teachers will encourage safe practices around kai times (e.g., hand washing, not talking with your mouth full), Sitting facing the table, promote self-help skills when the child is developmentally ready, and support ~~parent~~ respectful culture of eating (including karakia and no toys while eating).
- d. The Centre ~~supports~~ breastfeeding mothers. Mothers are welcome to come in to the centre to breastfeed or they can send expressed milk in bottles. The teachers will consult ~~staff~~ family to determine how to best meet their needs. All bottled milk will be clearly labelled with the child's name, and staff will discuss storage requirements for ~~expressed~~ breast milk with parents. The ECLC Under 2 ~~has~~ an area which is comfortable for parents to either bottle-feed or breastfeed their babies. ~~When~~ formula milk is supplied, staff will follow the instructions on the tin when preparing the formula for the child; such as formula discarded if unused at the time of preparing it.
- e. Bottles of milk or formula will be offered to young children but must be closely monitored to ensure that food is the main source of nourishment as the child grows.

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