



Your Child At 5 Years Old - Transitions @KFS

Milestones matter! How your child plays, learns, speaks, acts and moves offers important clues about his or her development. Check the milestones your child has reached by age 5.

Contact our admin team, Kirihou or Louisa, and connect directly to the classroom teacher.

Transition Visits to Kaingaroa Forest School

Turning five years old and starting school is an exciting time for our tamariki! It is also an exciting time for their whanau! We strive to support tamariki from their strengths and interests upwards - so we like to know who they are as individuals.

The more we know, the more we can support our tamariki and meet their needs.

At Kaingaroa Forest School, we want all tamariki to feel safe and happy at school. We know that we play a critical role in their education and their complete well-being!

Our tamariki are precious taonga; developing like our ti kouka:

- *he kakano, a seed* *to he tupu, a seedling*
- *to kohuri, a sapling* *and onwards to a strong confident tree, a fully grown ti kouka.*

It is vital that they have all the support they need so they can walk with confidence into our kura, comfortable and ready to take the next journey through their education. We aim to work with whanau, our kohanga and other education providers, to ensure that effective support is in place, for our tamariki and their whanau, as our tamariki transition to our kura.

Transition visits will be planned by the classroom teacher, to support the tamariki and their whanau. At times this may be scaffolded, start small and get bigger. It will be based on the individual child's development and needs:

- ***A morning visit - from 9:00am to 11:30am - leaving during the second learning block***

Transition visits can be planned from approximately a month prior to tamariki turning five, so there is one visit per week. We are open to negotiation when this is not possible.

Visits can happen in a slightly shorter timeframe, possibly over three or two weeks (more visits in a week), depending on needs and the timing of their birthday.

My Child's Name:		Age & Date of Birth:	
Your Name		Relationship	Dad / Mum / Nan / Koro / Other
Address		Phone	
Gender	Tama tane / Kotiro	Travel skills	Settled / Behaviours
Whanau @KFS		Allergies	
Their Interests	or things you do together...		
Early Learning	Kindergarten:	Kohanga:	Other:
Other Information	Speech / Hearing / Vision / Eating / Custody / Social skills / Behaviour / Special Learning Needs / Toileting / Medical / Pediatrician / Other		
Give details about above			
On their own, can they...	Y/N Carry their own gear Y/N Find their name	Y/N Dress themselves Y/N Write their name	Y/N Put their shoes on Y/N Pack their bag
What are you working on...	or how can we help you? Aspirations for your child:		

Take this with you and talk with your child's doctor/plunket about the B4SC - Before School Check.

Please complete the quick questionnaire below:

Social Emotional Milestones

- Follow rules or take turns when playing games with other children
- Does simple chores at home, like matching socks or clearing the table after eating

Cognitive Milestones (learning, thinking, problem solving)

- Counts to 10 OR Can recognise numbers between 1-10 when you point to them.
- Listen to a story & / or Sing Songs - with or without actions
- Pays attention for 5-10 minutes during activities - story time or making arts and crafts
- Screen time: 15mins or more at a time in a day
- Writes some letters in his/her name or in the alphabet
- Can recognise letters when you point to them or "Their ABC"

Language/Communication Milestones

- Tells a story she/he heard or made up with at least two events
- Answer simple questions about a book or story after you read it or tell it to him/her
- Keeps a conversation going with more than three back-and-forth exchanges
- Follow 2 or 3 step instructions well

Movement/Physical Development Milestones

- Button some buttons
- Hops on one foot
- Go to the toilet independently
- Can manage their own belongings

**You know your child best - Don't wait if you have concerns or if they are not meeting milestones
Talk to your doctor or nurse - ask for a referral to a child specialist**

