

Supporting all schools to succeed

Reform of the Tomorrow's Schools system

Information for Early Childhood Education Services and Kōhanga Reo

We're resetting the system that governs, manages, administers, and supports schools so that all learners have the same chance to succeed.

These changes are designed to build a more accessible, responsive and supportive education system for our learners, including for those in our early learning services and kōhanga reo. These changes, along with those in the upcoming [Early Learning Action Plan](#), will mean the best start for every learner.

These changes are all central to the goal of the Government's [Child Youth and Wellbeing Strategy](#), which aims to make New Zealand the best place in the world to be a child or young person.

Key changes of interest to Early Childhood Education

- The newly established Educational Service Agency (ESA) within the Education Ministry (a key component of the reform of the Tomorrow's Schools system) will provide responsive, accessible, and integrated local support to early learning services. This recognises the significant role that ECE plays in preparing young children for their entry into schooling.
- The ESA will work with local early childhood providers and kōhanga reo to implement the actions and changes arising from the release of the Early Learning Action Plan 2019-2029, and the resulting changes for services and kōhanga reo in the forthcoming Education and Training Bill.
- Further information about the Early Learning Action Plan will be available shortly.

What's next?

The Government acknowledges that this is a significant change to further strengthen the education system. Changes related to governance and management of schools need to work in a complex system that includes early learning and tertiary education. The changes require ongoing investment of both time and resource, and will need to be managed in a coherent and connected way over the next ten years.

A detailed timeline can be found in Appendix 1 of the Government's position document, '*Supporting all schools to succeed: Reform of the Tomorrow's Schools system*'.

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