



**Te Tāhuhu o  
te Mātauranga**  
Ministry of Education

**Briefing Note: Visit to Little Learners Dinsdale Ltd (48069) on Friday  
19 May, from 3:00pm-4:00pm**

<b>To:</b>	Hon Jan Tinetti, Minister of Education		
<b>Date:</b>	11 May 2023	<b>Priority:</b>	Medium
<b>Security Level:</b>	In Confidence	<b>METIS No:</b>	1309680
<b>Drafter:</b>	Shannon Woodcock	<b>DDI:</b>	9(2)(a)
<b>Key Contact:</b>	Shannon Woodcock	<b>DDI:</b>	
<b>Messaging seen by Communications team:</b>	Yes / No	<b>Round Robin:</b>	Yes / No

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Jocelyn Mikaere  
**Hautū | Deputy Secretary**  
**Te Mahau | Te Tai Whenua**

11/05/2023

Hon Jan Tinetti  
**Minister of Education**

16/05/2023

## Purpose of Briefing Note

1. This briefing note provides you with information to support your visit to Little Learners Dinsdale Ltd - 48069 in Waikato on 19 May 2023 from 3:00pm-4:00pm to complete visit as requested from the Minister's office.
2. A run sheet for the visit is attached. Annex 1 refers.
3. Draft speech notes attached as Annex 2.

## Core Little Learners Dinsdale Information

### Little Learners Dinsdale Ltd (48069)

Contact Name: Samantha Broome  
9(2)(a)

Address: 30 Tuhikaramea Road  
Dinsdale  
Hamilton 3204

## Key People

Centre Manager: Kylie Whibley  
9(2)(a)

Ministry Officials: Marcus Freke Director of Education Waikato  
9(2)(a)  
Toia Caulcutt Manager of Integrated Services (ECE portfolio holder).  
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## Profile Information

Authority	Company
School Type	Early Childhood Education Education and Care
School Gender	Co-ed
Education Medium	English
Equity Index Rating	(Not yet assessed)
Electorate	Hamilton West
Te Mahau   Region	Te Tai Whenua

The May 2023 breakdown of roll information by ethnicity is shown below:

Roll	Number	Percentage (%)
Māori	39	32.5
Pacific	4	3.3

Asian	5	4.2
Other ethnicity	13	10.8
European/Pākehā	59	49.2
International	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Little Learners Dinsdale Ltd Context

1. The service is purpose built and has been open since 21 February 2022. Located in the suburb of Dinsdale, the service provides education and care for tamariki aged 0-6 years.
2. Although the service has 120 tamariki on its roll, it is licenced for 95 tamariki to attend on any one day (including up to 25 tamariki aged under 2 years). The service offers a full provision and maintains that their fee structure is low with the intent to support struggling working whānau.
3. The service is owned and operated by Samantha Broome and Kylie Whibley, who are both qualified and registered kaiako with a combined 20+ years of experience in the early childhood sector.
4. The service's philosophy is based around a 'home away from home' feel, that holds the needs and wellbeing of tamariki and their whānau as the basis for the service, recognising the uniqueness of each tamariki.
5. The service governance recognises the struggle for recruiting qualified and registered kaiako to the early childhood sector, the challenges educators face each day and the stresses it can bring. There is pressure on kaiako to meet current regulatory requirements and managing difficult behaviours on a daily basis.

#### Education Review Office N/A

No ERO visit has taken place as this is a new service.

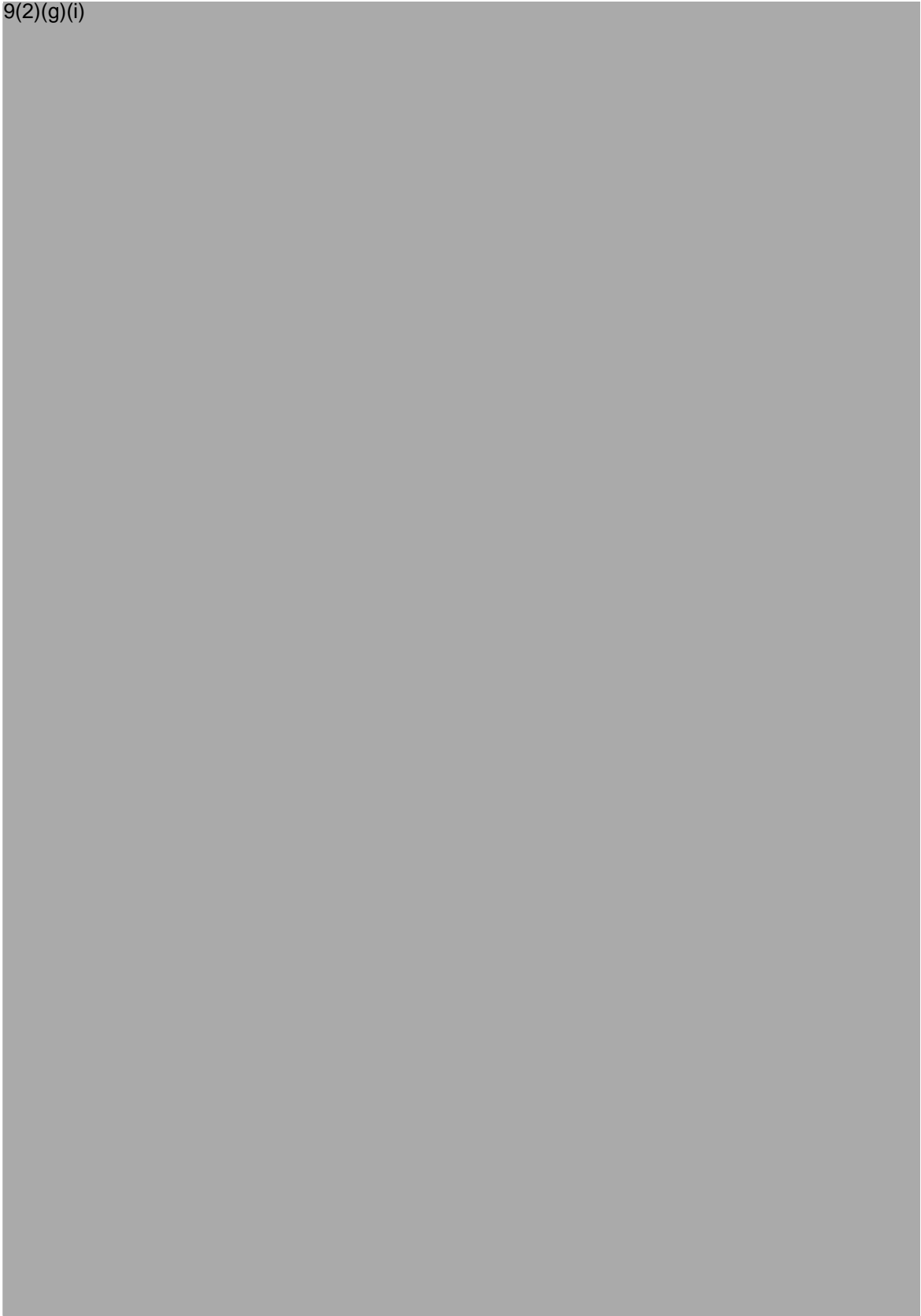
## Annex 1: Run Sheet

Time:	Activity:	Other Details:
3:00pm	Prime Minister and his group will be met and welcomed at the front reception by Samantha Broome and Kylie Whibley (Centre Managers), Marcus Freke and Shannon Woodcock (Te Mahau, Waikato).	Attendees; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Samantha Broome and Kylie Whibley (Centre Managers)</li> <li>- Kaiako invited</li> <li>- Ministry representatives: Marcus Freke (Director, Te Mahau Waikato), Shannon Woodcock (Lead Adviser, ECE)</li> </ul>
3:10pm	Walkthrough/tour the centre as a group and meet staff.	Take a tour through the classrooms, meet the staff.
3:20pm	Move to preschool where a group of tamariki will sing a waiata for the Prime Minister and his party.	Preschool set up afternoon tea/kai and seating.
3:30pm	Kai will be offered for all to enjoy. Informal time for chats and questions for all parties.	Afternoon tea for the attendee groups.
3.50pm	Give thanks. Prime Minister and group make their way out of centre.	
4:00pm	Prime Minister and group depart.	

## Annex 2: Draft Speech Notes

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