



# Eden Cottage now has NO FEES



## Here's everything you need to know.

**Visionwest recognises the financial challenges faced by many whānau in our local communities; we also understand the importance of early childhood education for our tamariki. Because of this, we are removing all fees for children enrolled at Eden Cottage.**

## Why is Eden Cottage going to No Fees?



We believe in quality pre-school education for all children. We also know that some parents/caregivers find even a relatively small charge to be a challenge. We want to even the playing field for children in our local communities and make quality childhood learning and care free for everyone.

## Who does No Fees apply to?

Eden Cottage caters for children aged from 2 to 5 years old.

No Fees applies to ALL children who are enrolled at Eden Cottage.

## What does No Fees mean?

No Fees is what it says – child learning and care at Eden Cottage, up to a maximum of 37.5 hours per week will cost you nothing. Children must be aged between 2 and 5 years old.

## Are there any Terms and Conditions?



Yes. To maintain no fees for everyone, we require a commitment from our whānau that children will attend on their scheduled days – for this reason there are Terms and Conditions (T&Cs) relating to attendance and absences.

The full Terms and Conditions are on our website and available from the Eden Cottage office.

## What are the Terms and Conditions?

Most of the Terms and Conditions are to ensure regular attendance of the children enrolled. If children are away from booked sessions too often Eden Cottage will not receive government funding and we will not be able to continue to provide No Fees.

Our Terms and Conditions relate to:

- Extended absences due to illness, holidays, or other reasons.
- Early drop-offs and late pick-ups.

To read the full Terms and Conditions, please visit our website or ask at the Eden Cottage office.

## Is there anything I will have to pay for?

Yes, there are two charges that are not covered under No Fees. These are:

- **Portfolio one-time charge** – There is a \$20 one-time charge for your child's portfolio which is used to commemorate their growth and development as they go through their time at Eden Cottage.
- **Optional additional charges** – During the year your child will have the opportunity to be a part of trips and special events. These are optional. If attended, they are paid for by the child's parents/caregivers.

## What if we move and my child needs to leave Eden Cottage?

We understand that whānau/caregivers may, from time to time, have reason to withdraw their child from Eden Cottage. When this occurs, two weeks' notice must be given to the Head Teacher or Administrator. If this notice is not provided, fees for the period must be paid by whānau/caregivers.

The team at Eden Cottage focuses on fostering a positive partnership with our whānau. For this to work and to maintain a nurturing environment for the children in our care, we need your cooperation in observing the Terms and Conditions, which can be found on our website.

We are also committed to finding solutions that work for everyone involved, including ensuring that financial challenges do not hinder your child's education and learning experiences at Eden Cottage.

If you have any questions about No Fees or anything else to do with Eden Cottage, please contact the Head Teacher or Administrator.