



## **Te Tiriti o Waitangi Policy**

### **Rationale**

We recognise and value all cultures at our school, and acknowledge the special position of Māori in New Zealand society. Te Tiriti o Waitangi is the founding document of our nation. The curriculum acknowledges the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and the bicultural foundations of Aotearoa New Zealand. It provides a framework for today and in the future. All students have the opportunity to acquire knowledge of te reo Māori me ōna tikanga." The New Zealand Curriculum

Our school accepts its responsibility to fulfill the intent of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, with reference to The Education and Training Act 2020.

### **Purpose**

1. To work together to achieve the best environment for success for our students.
2. To ensure the school charter/strategic plans, policies and local curriculum reflect local tikanga Māori, mātauranga Māori, and te ao Māori reflects Māori perspective.
3. To make equitable provision for the needs of Māori students.
4. To provide opportunities for students and teachers to learn te ao Māori language and culture.
5. To recognize Māori values in the culture of our school.
6. Respect each person's cultural diversity and their right to follow their cultural direction.

### **Guidelines**

1. Curriculum planning will ensure Māori perspective is embodied in the content, methodology and assessment.
2. Access cultural advice as appropriate and consult with our Māori community in creating and maintaining our school charter/strategic plan
3. Teaching strategies will incorporate Māori perspective and examples.
4. Opportunities will be provided for all students to learn tikanga Māori.
5. Students will have access to the school's bilingual and immersion programmes, (if applicable).
6. Pastoral care is provided through culturally appropriate ways.
7. Māori values and customs will be incorporated into school life.
8. Budgeting will reflect the need to implement the Treaty.

**This policy is approved by the Board of Greenhithe School**

Signed: ..... Date: .....  
Board Presiding Member

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