

EARLY CHILDHOOD TIPS FOR ENSURING A SUCCESSFUL VISIT

WELCOME

You will be greeted by the Learning Programme's Specialist, Tina Powell. This will include a short mihi, a waiata and the sharing of the gallery expectations.

GALLERY EXPECTATIONS

Please review these gallery expectations with the adults coming on the trip, and with your children.

At Expressions Whirinaki, we use listening ears, quiet voices, walking feet and kind hands.

We do not touch the artworks, we use our eyes only.

We show everyone respect, including other visitors, all adults, each other and ourselves.

Stay with your group.

We do not eat or drink in the gallery spaces.

BAGS AND BELONGINGS

If required we can book the hall to accommodate a safe place for your Children's belongings, including buggies.

TOILETS

Toilet facilities are available adjacent to the hall and in the main foyer behind the Café.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Please let the Learning Programme's Specialist (Tina) know in advance if you have a child that has specific learning requirements that we can prepare for to ensure their experience is more engaging. Also, if your student would benefit from becoming 'familiar' with the Arts Centre and with Tina, before the actual visit, you are very welcome to do this.

Please note that there is only stair access to the workroom therefore to ensure inclusive practice we will only use this space if all students and adults wishing to come can access it.

PHOTOGRAPHY

At the end of the day, pictures of the students interacting with the art are like gold for post visit work. Please feel free to snap away unless otherwise advised.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the event of an emergency the Learning Programme's Specialist will lead the appropriate response. We recommend that teachers come prepared with a 'Go To' bag containing a class roll, charged cell phone (with a contact phone number for the bus if appropriate), class set of snacks and a bottle of water. Expressions staff are trained first aiders. To assist with your emergency planning please download the RAMS form.