

What makes Sprouts different?

Our Educators are aware they have one of the most important jobs in society – caring for your child!

All our educators comply with the Ministry of Education Homebased Care regulations, which relate to the safety and suitability of their homes and their childcare practices.

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Sprouts conducts careful and extensive interviews as well as reference checks and police checks.

Qualifications

All our educators complete a certified Polytechnic course in Homebased Childcare.
All our educators have a first aid certificate.

Education Programmes

Sprouts strict educator guidelines include:

- All our educators must have childcare experience.
- We only employ educators we would feel confident leaving our own children with.
- Each educator may only care for a maximum of four children (including their own) under the age of six years.
- Only two of the children cared for can be under the age of two years.
- Children cared for consist of mixed age groups to encourage interaction between children of different ages.
- All our co-ordinators are qualified teachers in Early Childhood education.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What sort of facilities do Sprouts provide for my child?

A. Sprouts facilities provide the best possible indoor and outdoor environments for children in a Homebased situation.

Q. Do you care for children with special needs?

A. Yes. Come and talk with us to feel assured and to put your mind at rest.

Q. How long and how often can my child be cared for by their Educator?

A. Flexibility is the key to meeting our parent's needs. We provide a wide range of options including full-time, part-time and flexible care.

Q. Can you provide childcare for parents who do not work?

A. Yes.

Q. How old do children need to be to be cared for?

A. Birth to five years.

Q. Do you provide childcare to meet the needs of University students?

A. Yes

Q. Am I entitled to a Work and Income (WINZ) subsidy?

A. You may be entitled to a WINZ subsidy but we need to obtain further information from you. See enclosed table or phone us on **06 842 2015**

Q. What childcare services are available over the Christmas Period?

A. Some of our Educators are available, but childcare cannot be guaranteed over this period. However, all efforts will be made to place your child/ren with an Educator if required. For further details contact us on **0800 SPROUTS (0800 777 688)**