

Tiny Nation Educator Profile

Catherine

About Me



I have been a home-based educator for 13 years. I'm married to a school teacher and together we have four children aged, 14, 18, 22 and 23. We also have a grandson aged 2 who I'm fortunate to care for. Over years I have looked after many children, mostly aged 1-3.

My Philosophy

I believe It's important for me to be attuned to each child, so I'm able to read their cues and meet their needs. This also helps me to understand what may be causing frustration, sadness and excitement and pride. I feel that each care moment is a moment to connect. I love seeing the world through children's eyes. I have learnt the importance of watching, waiting and wondering. I also believe that it's my job as an educator to co-regulate so that a child can learn to self-regulate.

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big thinkers through the
joy of play.**

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My Environment

I live in Mount Maunganui, Tauranga.

I provide a calm, restful, peaceful and unhurried environment. As part of my programme, I observe each child and recognise their strengths, interests or areas of need. I plan activities to nurture and extend these. Each day I upload stories onto Storypark so the families are able to share in the experiences.

My home has beautiful outdoor spaces and places to explore. We have a sensory area, tree trunks scattered about - creating opportunities to practice balancing. I have a slide, mini trampoline, ride on toys and balls. Other resources include puzzles, blocks, dinosaurs, animals and vehicles. There are opportunities for messy play, water play and physical activity also.

Places we like to visit:

- Local parks
- The beach
- Pilot Bay
- The library
- Music groups.



My Training

I hold the National Certificate in Early Childhood (Levels 3 and 4) and I hold a current first-aid certificate. I have also completed a number of other relevant professional development courses including Growing in Connection, Baby Care, Transition to School, Baby Sleep, Child Protection, and more.

My Availability

Monday-Friday, 8am-4.30pm.

