

What might the tohu whānau look like for whānau at this stage of baby's life?

Love and Warmth

- Taking pēpi to places and sharing interesting things with them
- Playing games with pēpi – especially their favourite ones
- Understanding how pēpi might be a bit shy near people they don't know well

Talking and Listening

- Listening to and copying the sounds pēpi makes
- Telling pēpi the names of things they are interested in

Guidance and Understanding

- Understanding that when pēpi is really curious, they are learning—by touching, mouthing, smelling, looking and listening
- Understanding pēpi will keep checking out whether we are near and might be unhappy if they can't see us
- Remembering you are the most important person to help them learn about their world

Limits and Boundaries

- Moving stuff we don't want pēpi to touch – so we can say 'Yes' more than 'No'
- Giving pēpi safe things to explore and play with
- Making our kāinga inside and outside safe for pēpi to explore

Consistency and Consequences

- Remembering pēpi will watch us and copy what we do and say
- Saying 'Stop!' when pēpi touches something that's dangerous or not allowed, and moving him away quickly and calmly
- Remembering to do this every time

A Structured and Secure World

- Remembering that our loving and trusting relationship with pēpi is the key to their future learning and relationships
- Giving pēpi simple and safe things to hold, shake, bang, throw, drop and roll
- Sharing the world with pēpi—explore and kōrero about everything you see