

Ngā tohu whānau

Pēpi is really interested in the people in their life and curious about the world around them. Their world of relationships is getting bigger and they're beginning to move and explore using all their senses. Pēpi relies on their kaitiaki to keep them safe.

There are 6 things that promote a strong relationship between parents, whānau and their tamariki. In these months they might look like this.

Love and warmth

- Take pēpi to the places we enjoy.
- Have fun playing games with pēpi, especially their favourites.
- Comfort pēpi if they're a bit whakamā near people they don't know well.

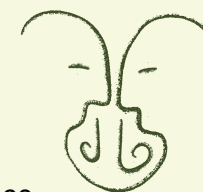


Limits and boundaries

- Move stuff we don't want pēpi to touch – so we can say āe more than kāo.
- Make our kāinga safe inside and out for pēpi to explore.
- Give pēpi safe things to play with.

Consistency and consequences

- Remember pēpi will copy what we do and say.
- If pēpi goes to touch something dangerous or not allowed, say "Kāti!" and calmly move them away.
- Try to keep some routines and spaces familiar, such as sleeping spaces and eating places.



Talking and listening

- Reply to the sounds pēpi makes to show we understand their cues.
- Say the names of things pēpi is interested in.
- Play turn-taking games and talk about what's happening, "It's your turn, now it's my turn."



Guidance and understanding

- Remember we're the most important people to pēpi so they might be unhappy if they can't see us.
- Introduce pēpi to kupu that describe what they're doing.
- Pēpi may have their preferred way of doing things. If it's safe, try and tautoko them.



A structured and secure world

- Remember that our relationship with pēpi is the key to their future learning and relationships.
- Share the world with pēpi – explore and kōrero about everything we see and hear.
- Introduce changes gradually.

