

Statement Regarding the March 2025 Childcare Breach

A year ago, a serious breach occurred at our childcare service that led to a prosecution. I fully acknowledge the gravity of what happened and the distress it caused to the child, families and the wider community. I want to sincerely apologise to everyone affected.

Since that time, every identified issue has been thoroughly addressed. All staff have completed enhanced training, new safety and compliance measures are in place, and our procedures are being followed to the letter. We have welcomed external oversight to ensure these standards are maintained and to rebuild trust with our families.

While I understand public concern, the ongoing online hate and personal abuse have been deeply distressing especially for the educators who continue to work for the service. I ask for understanding and space to continue the important work of providing safe, nurturing care for children. Our focus today is firmly on transparency, accountability, and the wellbeing of every child in our care. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me directly.

Yours sincerely

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