

SHARP

Statement of Philosophy

May 2003

We want to reflect the love and life of Christ in all that we do with children and families in the local community. We are committed to being active in the local community.

We are committed to providing a warm, caring supportive environment where children and their families experience God's love and receive quality care. The SHARP programmes are divided into age groupings, because we believe that different environments and resources are needed to meet the developmental needs of the children.

Christian principles and teaching will be interwoven into the programme on a daily basis. This will include bible stories, studies, prayer and discussion.

As Christian carers, we acknowledge children as unique individuals and will establish positive caring relationships that reflect God's care and love for them.

We value the partnership between parents/ whanau and encourage open communication between the programme and home. Opportunities are available for parents to access support from a wide range of ministries associated with Spreydon Baptist Church and the local community.

The Board of Trustees, whose members must adhere to the philosophy of Spreydon Baptist Church, is responsible for the governance of the programme and ensuring effective, efficient management systems are in place.

The Board of Trustees value the importance of a well-resourced physical environment and renewing of resources to provide a varied programme.

The Board of Trustees is committed to ensuring that opportunities are provided for on-going professional development for staff to ensure that a high standard of Christian care is provided and that staff are kept up to date with current behaviour and learning theories.

Christian principles are applied in all 'decision making' processes and policies. We value the dual heritage of Aotearoa and this will be acknowledged in all official documents.