

INTRODUCING

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Hey! I'm Jordan and I am a mum to two beautiful boys. Born and raised in Gisborne, I have a strong sense of culture and understand the importance of keeping New Zealand's history alive and well. After spending some time in the states as a teenager I came back to New Zealand and completed high school, swiftly moving into early childhood education, becoming qualified by the age of 21. We have lived in Blenheim since 2011 and we love this town thoroughly, I feel this is a great place to raise children, there is a rich sense of community here as well as a tonne of places to explore, which is handy with 2 busy boys.

I have been the co-ordinator for Step 2 Growth since 2012. Before this I held many positions within ECE, including 2IC, head teacher and programme manager for Te Reo and music. My passion has always been with Early Childhood Education and with many years' experience behind me, I have finally found a service I love and support within home-based education. It is so nice to work for a company that is family-orientated, ensuring the perfect work/life balance, which is beneficial as a working mum.

I truly believe that home-based education provides the best quality care for children, particularly under 2-year-olds. The low ratio of 1 educator to up to 4 children at any one time with no more than 2 babies ensures that children are receiving care that is enriched and loving, while your child's sense of self is affirmed at all times.

Educators invest a huge part of themselves into looking after and educating the children that are entrusted to their care, and they take the responsibility of being chosen as your child's educator seriously. Children and their families gain another special person in their lives that they come to depend and rely on, and the relationships that are built are irreplaceable.

Step 2 Growth offers true quality care and it is my job to ensure that your child/ren receive the best in home-based education, whilst ensuring the educators are well supported.

My role as S2G Coordinator entails

- Supervising children, and the adults providing education and care, at all times children attend a service
- Contacting each educator at least once a fortnight and be available for communicating with at any time
- Visiting each educator at least once a month as per (visit procedure)
- Taking all reasonable steps each month to observe each child while that child is receiving education and care, including monitoring individual learning plans
- Providing professional leadership and support to educators, including providing advice and training
- Ensuring there is adequate equipment (and where necessary providing this)
- Supporting educators and families
- Ensuring all homes and educators meet regulations and criteria at all times (as per house check procedure)
- Meeting the requirements required for their own teacher registration
- Attending fortnightly staff meetings with the service provider
- Play an active role in the service's internal evaluation and annual reviews such as policies and procedures
- Ensure I am available, at all times while children attend the service
- There is one person responsible for every 50 children attending the service at any one time
- Being available to all educators in an event of an emergency.

