Self-registration: how to set it up

A daily routine that builds belonging and name recognition

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Make a card for every child

Use the cards on this page: a photo or a symbol from our symbol name labels, and the child's first name on the lines. Laminate them and add a hook-and-loop dot or a peg.

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Set up the board

Put the "At home" and "Here today" headers side by side at children's eye level, near the door, with every card under "At home" before the day starts.

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Each morning

Children (with their family the first few times) find their card and move it to "Here today". It is a calm first job that says: you belong here.

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At mat time

Count the cards together and say each name. Wonder about who is still at home without fuss: no one is ever named as late.

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Grow it over the year

Start with photo and name, then symbol and name, then name only. Children who are ready can write their name on a sign-in sheet next to it.

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Make it fair and safe

First names only. Keep the board out of sight from the street if your privacy policy asks. Add cards for kaiako, teachers and regular visitors too.