



Adventure School



9 August 2021

Dear Whanau,

In Kowhai we use an app called Smata to record observations of children in the play. We record children's social and emotional development, the Adventure Way and links to the New Zealand Curriculum. The Smata app was created and developed by our play mentor and past Adventure School Board of Trustee's Chair Bevan Holloway.

The app is only in its early development so at this point due to the app capabilities we are unable to print off or download observations for each child's Learning Through Play journey, but this is something that is currently being worked through and we are hopeful that soon it will be an option for us.

We care about how your child's personal information is used and shared, and we take privacy seriously. We are requesting your consent for us to use the Smata app to collect, use and share information within the school for learning and assessment purposes. We will take all reasonable care to ensure only those with rights to that information will access it. The app has a password for each teacher, so it is only able to be accessed by teachers and senior leaders who have administrative capabilities. Only the children's first name and initial of their surname is recorded.

Consent means you are aware *Adventure School* will use Smata to collect evidence of your child's learning, such as video, audio, images and text. This information will be stored within the Smata app. You have access rights to this information at any time.

We can only use the Smata app to support your child's learning with your consent. You can view Smata's privacy policy [here](#). You can visit the Smata [website](#) for more information.

Please sign below and return before Friday 20 August. You may email your consent to your child's teacher. You may give or rescind your consent at any time by giving us written notice.

Rebecca St Clair  
Year 0/1 Lead Teacher

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### Consent for using Smata app

I \_\_\_\_\_ (parent / guardian name) do / do not (cross out what does not apply) give consent for *Adventure School* to collect evidence of my child's learning using the Smata app.

Students name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to your child's classroom teacher before 20 August