



Glenview School

Causing learning in a happy, safe environment

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Cohort Entry at Glenview School – from Term 1, 2026

From Term 1, 2026, Glenview School will be introducing informal cohort entry for new entrants.

What does this mean?

- Instead of starting individually throughout the term, new entrants will start school in small groups (cohorts) on set dates, after they turn 5 years old.
- Children will be placed in a class in a small group, rather than by themselves.
- Families still have flexibility — if a different date within the term suits your child better, we will support that choice.

Why are we doing this?

- Research shows that starting in a cohort gives tamariki a stronger sense of belonging and confidence. This aligns with our school vision of being '*safe and happy*' at Glenview School.
- Teachers can run a clear transition programme for each group, making the first days of school calm and positive.
- Whānau know in advance when visits will take place, making the transition easier to plan.
- Connections between caregivers are more likely to occur when starting in a cohort.

Cohort start dates (2026) (for children 5 years and older)

- **Term 1:** Cohort 1 - February 3 Cohort 2 - March 9
- **Term 2:** Cohort 3 - April 20 Cohort 4 - June 1
- **Term 3:** Cohort 5 - July 20 Cohort 6 - August 24
- **Term 4:** Cohort 7 - October 12 Cohort 8 - November 16

Transition Programme

- Before starting, each child will be provided with four school visits in their cohort. Visits will be on Thursdays from 8.45 am - 11.15 am and will incorporate time in their new class and participation in morning tea. Parents will not be required to wait on site, providing they have provided the necessary enrolment details, e.g. enrolment form, proof of address and identification documents.

- Our usual 'Here We Go' meeting for parents will be held on the first Thursday your child visits. This welcome session provides an opportunity for parents/caregivers to meet personnel from Glenview School as well as the other new families, and to ask questions they may have about school routines.

For tamariki with additional needs

Our SENCO and LSC will continue to meet with whānau (and ECE kaiako, where possible) before the start date to ensure the right supports are in place.

Next steps

- If you have pre-enrolled your child with us already, we will be in contact with you soon to discuss what this means for your child.
- If your child is turning 5 in 2026, please contact the office to begin the enrolment process so we can align them with the right cohort and organise visits.

If you have any questions or if you'd like to talk through what this change means for your whānau, please get in touch.

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