



Peter's Patch  
Forest School - Day Care - After School Club

## Homework Policy

Homework is defined as the time the children spend outside the classroom in assigned learning activities. Peter's Patch believes the purpose of homework should be to practice, reinforce, or apply acquired skills and knowledge.

In Peter's Patch we operate a Homework Club with a designated time slot which is incorporated into our After School routine, each child will get a maximum of 30 minutes to spend on their homework so that every child gets an opportunity to do some of their homework. We try to keep the homework room as quiet as possible so that children can concentrate on the work that has to be done. All staff and children are aware of this so there are no interruptions unless deemed necessary. Children are supervised by a staff member who checks and ensures that all homework's are completed, and help is given to those children who require it.

Ultimately it is the responsibility of all parents to check their children's homework to ensure it is done to a standard which they are happy with, therefore no problems should arise.



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Homework serves to develop regular study skills and the ability to complete work out of the classroom independently. Peter's Patch further believes completing homework is the responsibility of the children, and as children mature, they are more able to work independently.

Therefore, childcare workers provide a supportive role through monitoring completion of homework's, encouraging children's efforts and promoting a conducive environment for learning.

Peter's Patch embraces the idea that each child is different and therefore has their own individual needs. We see homework as an opportunity to tailor lessons specifically for an individual child, meeting them where they are and bringing them to where we want them to be. Homework contributes towards building responsibility, self-discipline, and lifelong learning habits.

It is the intention of Peter's Patch staff to supervise and help children with relevant, challenging, meaningful, and purposeful homework's that reinforce classroom learning objectives. Homework should provide students with the opportunity to apply and extend the information they have learned.

Our staff will be on hand to offer their guidance and supervision but cannot check homework is correct as they are not qualified teachers.



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### Procedure

- Homework will be facilitated within a quiet area of the setting away from regular activities. The children who are in early will do their homework in the After-school room before the older children join them.
- A staff member will supervise the homework session.
- Support will be given if the child requests it. (individual attention cannot be accommodated).
- Parents/guardians must check their individual child's homework and sign homework diary if needs be.
- Management reserves the right to defer homework at any given time to facilitate participation in special activities or events. (Where possible parents will be notified in advance.
- Any Child who is disruptive or who is not interested in completing his/her homework will be moved to another area and if they continue to be disruptive or are not interested in completing his/her homework will be asked to tidy up and return to regular activities and his/her parents will be advised accordingly.

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