

Policy Statement

Activity Centres Incorporated aims to provide all children with the opportunity to learn through play. We believe that all children should have access to uninterrupted play and leisure time to balance their education and learning. Our aim is to support children's education by providing fun and educational experiences that encourage social experiences, support children's social and life skills, whilst enjoying a wide variety of activities. We believe that homework is a task set by Teachers to be completed at home where families can be involved in supporting their child's education and have an understanding of where the child may need additional support.

Considerations

- ✓ National Quality Standards (current version 2018)
- ✓ My Time Our Place framework of OOSH
- ✓ United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, article 31 the Childs right to play and leisure time

Article 31 (Leisure, play and culture):

Children have the right to relax and play, and to join in a wide range of cultural, artistic and other recreational activities.

Procedures

- Families will be encouraged to allow children to be included in the programmed and free play activities whilst at the Centre.
- ✓ A suitable area will be made available for children doing homework. Where families insist on homework being completed at the Centre, children will be allocated up to 30mins to complete homework tasks.
- ✓ Families will be advised that Educators are unable to help children with their homework.
- Children should be able to complete homework independently. Any work not understood will be left until their family or Teacher is able to explain it to them.
- Children wishing to do their homework will be given the opportunity to do so as part of the 'children's choice' or free play.

Checklist for Educators

- ☑ A suitable area can be made available for children who chose to do homework at the Centre.
- ☑ Where parents insist on completion of homework at the Centre, a suitable area will be made available for a maximum of 30mins. The child will then be encouraged to join in the activities.
- Educators will not be allowed to assist children to complete their homework, as this is a task set by Teachers for children to complete at home with their families.
- ☑ If a child is unable to complete or does not understand their homework, Educators will encourage the child to leave the question until their family or Teacher are able to help and move on to the next section.

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Policy is only endorsed if initialled by 2 members of the management committee

Endorsed by the Management Committee on the 30th April 2018

Homework Policy is to be reviewed by the 30^{th} April 2021

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