



St Peter's Pre-School Policies and Procedures  
2014

## 16. Lunch Club

Lunch club exists as an extension to the time children spend with us. It provides an essential service to parents but is also an ideal opportunity for the children to learn important social skills and to develop other skills for life. We see it as our responsibility to provide more than merely a babysitting service at this time but to grasp the opportunity to support the children further. Lunch Club is an informal time but requires a number of formalised activities designed to nurture the children and specifically their welfare.

### **Procedure**

- Lunch Club assistants/practitioners prepare the lunch club meal room with tables, chairs and the children's lunch boxes.
- When all are ready the children wash their hands.
- The lunch club assistants/practitioners provide overview monitoring and one to one monitoring.
- The lunch club assistants/practitioners respond to the children's needs as they occur but also act to promote conversation with individuals or between groups – children are expected to remain seated and not walk around with food.
- As the children finish their meals they are expected to clear up after themselves and wash their hands.
- The children then go to the quiet area for rest.
- The lunch club assistants/practitioners tidy the Lunch Club room , free flow play including outside play ensues.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of the Pre-school held on ..... (Date):

Signed on behalf of the Pre-school: ..... (Chairperson)