



# THE 7 REASONS

WHY HOMESCHOOLING ISN'T  
WORKING FOR YOUR CHILD  
AND HOW TO FIX IT!



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# WHY THIS WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE WHEN YOU IMPLEMENT IT

In this straightforward and no-nonsense guide, we dive into the core issues that are restricting your homeschooling efforts. In an era where information overload is common, it's crucial to pinpoint exactly why your current homeschooling approach may not be getting the results you expect. By identifying these key areas, you can make impactful changes and enhance your child's educational journey.

The truth is that effective homeschooling is more than just teaching at home, it is about creating an environment where learning thrives. If your child is not progressing as expected, it doesn't mean homeschooling isn't right for them, it just means there is room for improvement. Once you explore this guide and apply the necessary adjustments, you won't just be homeschooling, you will be mastering the art of educating your child in the most personalised way possible.

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# WHY LISTEN TO ME?

My name is Cala, and I am a passionate Montessori educator and consultant with 15 years of dedicated experience revolutionising early education. My journey spans three core areas:

1. **Montessori ParentConsulting:** I bring personalised guidance to parents, helping them navigate their child's educational path with confidence. I specialise in tailoring strategies to fit each child's unique developmental needs, from birth to 11 years old.
2. **HomeschoolTeachingandGuidance:** Crafting and implementing Montessori curricula for homeschool settings. My approach focuses on hands-on, child-centred learning, empowering children to thrive outside traditional educational systems.
3. **Leadership in Montessori Education:** As the former head of Children's House, I've led a team in creating nurturing and effective learning environments grounded in Montessori principles.

The key to my approach is customisation and results. I have spent countless hours listening to parents and understanding the typical challenges faced in homeschooling and parenthood in general. There is a recurring pattern in the struggles parents face, and my expertise lies in addressing these e actively

In a world where educational guidance can often be generic and ineffective, my goal is to provide clear, actionable advice tailored to your child's unique needs. With my guide, "7 Reasons Why Homeschooling Isn't Working for Your Child," you will gain insights into common pitfalls and learn how to make a significant change in your homeschooling approach.

I've come up with a unique way to successfully homeschool your child in Montessori without any training, which is not just about using the right materials but understanding your child's learning style and adapting the environment accordingly.

With that said, let's look into the 7 reasons why your homeschooling approach may not be getting the results you hope for and how you can turn it around.

# LOW QUALITY LEARNING

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The truth is that one of the biggest problems with typical homeschooling is that it is hard to provide the same level of structured quality and effectiveness in learning as a traditional school. Unlike traditional schools, typical homeschooling often lacks a regular and specially planned curriculum, which may leave gaps in a child's education. Without a structured plan, it might be harder for your child to learn how to think critically and gain a wide range of knowledge, both of which are important for their overall educational progress.

A dedicated homeschooling mother found it difficult to cover all the crucial academic areas well, even though she worked hard and was dedicated. Her son found science and maths to be very engaging, but languages and cultural studies did not seem to interest him as much. Without a diverse curriculum, she saw that her son was doing very well in some areas and not at all well in others. This difference became clearer when her son talked to his friends in traditional schools and had trouble joining in more complicated talks about a wide range of topics.

The process I recommend is really simple. Focus on a specialised and structured curriculum, like Montessori homeschooling, to ensure a well-rounded education for your child. This way, you can address their unique interests and learning needs while providing a solid foundation in all subject areas.

Do not waste your time with overcomplicated approaches that can drain your time and energy. Stick to a well defined curriculum that aligns with your child's interests and strengths, and you will see better results in their learning journey.

My Montessori homeschooling is an answer to these problems because it guarantees quality and efficiency in all areas of education. The Montessori method, which is known for being a child-centred and holistic approach, focuses on the child's academic, social, emotional, and physical development. The curriculum is structured but flexible, and it covers a wide range of subjects. This approach ensures that children get a well-rounded education where they can excel in their favourite subjects while developing essential skills in other crucial areas. Joining my Montessori homeschooling programme will give you the freedom to tailor your child's education to their particular needs and learning pace, ensuring that no crucial areas of development are missed. Parents can confidently create an environment where their children will do well in all areas of their education, preparing them well for everything they will do in the future.

The truth is, if you don't provide a structured and effective learning environment in your homeschooling, it can lead to gaps in your child's education and delay their ability to think critically and acquire diverse knowledge. By focusing on quality over quantity in your homeschooling approach, you can ensure your child's educational success.

# LIMITED SOCIAL INTERACTI ON

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The truth is, that making friends and socialising is one of the most crucial aspects of a child's development, and typical homeschooling often falls short in this area. Children naturally have a wide range of social relationships with adults and friends outside of their homes when they go to a mainstream school. These interactions are very important for making friends, learning about different points of view, and developing social skills. However, when children are homeschooled, these chances to connect with others are much less common. If children do not have a variety of people around them, they might feel alone, struggle to develop social skills and have trouble building friendships.

A 10-year-old girl who was homeschooled excelled academically in school, but her parents noticed that she was often lonely and had difficulty making friends. Her only social interactions were with family and occasional playdates, which were not as engaging and varied as the social experiences she would have found at school. The child often felt out of place when doing things with local groups. It was hard for her to join in conversations and understand how the group worked. Because she spent so much time alone, she lacked confidence in social situations, which made it challenging for her to speak up and take part in group activities.

The process I recommend is simple. Prioritise social interactions. Encourage your child to engage with other children through playdates, clubs, or community activities. Encourage them to interact with children their age to develop their social skills and build friendships. By doing so, they will have the opportunity to interact with peers, share experiences, and establish lasting friendships. These interactions play a pivotal role in shaping their social skills and building the necessary foundations for meaningful relationships.

Do not waste your time on overly complicated homeschooling strategies that might overwhelm both you and your child. Focus on creating an environment where your child can connect with others and develop socially.

My Montessori homeschooling helps with these socialisation problems by creating an atmosphere that promotes social growth through group activities and involvement in the community. The Montessori method is different from typical homeschooling because it stresses the value of social learning and interaction as part of the educational process. My Montessori homeschooling programme will give insights on how to encourage your child to be involved in their communities and how you can help guide your child's interactions so they are respectful of others, courteous, and understand themselves and others in interactions. It will not only help your child get along with others better, but it will also help them understand and value society and teamwork. By including social development in your homeschooling curriculum, my Montessori homeschooling programme will ensure that your child will not only be academically but also socially confident and able, ready to handle the challenges of social relationships in the real world.

The truth is, if your child lacks social interaction during homeschooling, it can delay their social development and potentially lead to feelings of isolation. Prioritise their social connections to ensure a well-rounded education and emotional growth.

# POOR TIME MANAGEMENT

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The truth is that one of the most challenging aspects of homeschooling that parents do not often think about is how to handle their time effectively. Giving your child an education at home is a full-time job that takes a lot of time, energy, and effort from the parents. There is time spent preparing, planning, and evaluating, as well as time spent teaching. It can be overwhelming for many parents to balance the expectations of teaching with other responsibilities they need to do, like work, housework, and personal time. Often, this leads to a stressful juggling act that can cause parents to feel drained while affecting their child's learning experience.

A dad who chose to homeschool his daughter was keen to give her a personalised education but also had to work part-time from home and do chores around the house. Organising enough time for lesson planning and teaching proved challenging for him. Due to this, lessons were often rushed and not well prepared. As he was always in a hurry, his daughter started to feel unhappy and frustrated and lost interest in her studies. When the dad tried to maintain the balance, he became more stressed, and he was unable to manage his work or his homeschooling responsibilities properly.

The process I recommend is simple. Focus your time and effort on effective time management strategies. By creating a clear schedule and setting boundaries, you can allocate dedicated time for homeschooling while still managing your other responsibilities. This will allow you to provide a more structured and engaging learning experience for your child.

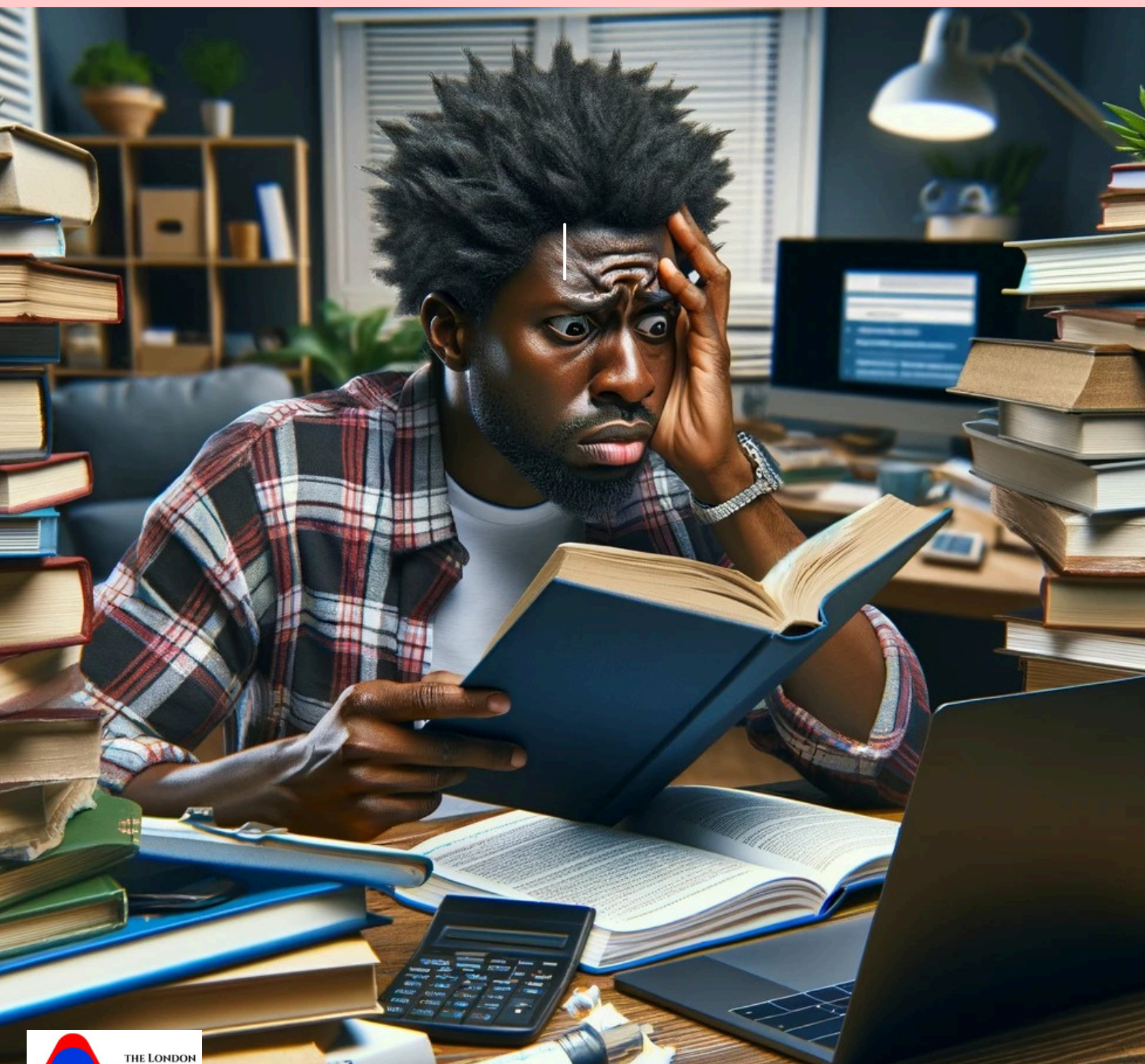
Do not waste your time with overly complicated time management strategies that can become overwhelming. Instead, implement straightforward techniques that work for your unique situation. Prioritise tasks, use tools like calendars and to-do lists and seek support from your spouse or other family members to share the load.

My Montessori homeschooling programme can support these time management problems. By creating a space where children can learn in an environment where they can participate in prepared, independent, hands-on activities specially organised for them, we will help support their learning process. This approach means that children do not require as much direct teaching from their parents because they can learn some things on their own. The Montessori curriculum and activities are designed to be natural and engaging, so children can learn and explore at their own pace. This can save parents a great deal of time that they would otherwise spend making lessons and teaching their children. With this change, parents will be better able to balance teaching with other duties, which will make things easier for everyone and improve the quality of education and family life. Montessori homeschooling not only helps children make good use of their time but also encourages them to love learning, making education fun instead of a chore.

The truth is, if you fail to manage your time effectively while homeschooling, it can lead to stress, frustration, and a less than ideal learning experience for your child. Finding the right balance and simplifying your approach to time management can make the homeschooling journey more manageable and rewarding for both you and your child.

# INADEQUATE CURRICULUM & RESOURCES

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The truth is that making a comprehensive and effective curriculum is the key to a good education, but for many parents who homeschool, it is still a difficult job. First, they need to get access to a huge library of educational materials that cover all the necessary subjects and learning goals. Second, they organise these materials into an easy-to-read, well-balanced curriculum that fits their child's learning style and interests. Many parents feel overwhelmed by the amount of information and don't know how to select and organise these resources successfully because they do not have professional education training. It can lead to a curriculum that is either too narrow and missing essential educational parts or too broad and unfocused, which makes for an inconsistent learning experience.

A mother of two decided to homeschool her children at home, but she quickly learned just how difficult it is to create a curriculum. She looked into math, science, history, art, and other subjects for hours on end in books, online resources, and educational games. She had a hard time figuring out which resources were right for her children's ages and in line with school standards. In her efforts to create a balanced curriculum, there were often gaps and overlaps in some areas. Some subjects were interesting to her children but not very engaging in others, which made their education uneven. The mother's struggle with managing and structuring these resources became a source of frustration and concern about her children's academic progress.

The process I recommend is quite simple. Instead of trying to cover every subject, focus on a few core activities that align with your child's interests and learning style. This will lead to a more effective and engaging educational experience.

Don't waste your time with an overly complex and overwhelming curriculum. Stick to the basic educational curriculum that prioritises hands-on learning and encourages your child's natural curiosity. Avoid overloading them with too many resources and activities.

My Montessori homeschooling programme solves these problems by giving parents a well-developed curriculum for a variety of age ranges and abilities and several helpful resources. You will get a structured yet flexible curriculum, covering a broad range of subjects in a way that flows well. It is a combination of both engaging and made to help reach different learning goals. This method makes it easier for parents to choose resources and plan lessons. Parents who teach their children through my Montessori homeschooling programme can get help on how to use these tools successfully, ensuring their children receive a well-rounded and balanced education. Children's varying needs are taken into account when planning the curriculum. This creates an environment where children can do well in homeschooling and learn by exploring subjects in depth and at their own pace. Montessori homeschool parenting not only makes it easier for parents to teach their children, but it also ensures that children have a rich and rewarding learning experience.

The truth is, that inadequate curriculum and resources can restrict your child's homeschooling journey. It's crucial to have access to a well-developed curriculum and resources that cater to their needs for a successful homeschooling experience.

# LACK OF PARENTAL CONFIDENCE & TEACHING SKILLS

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The truth is, the major problem for many parents who want to homeschool is that they lack in confidence or skills they need to teach their children effectively. To be a good teacher, you need to know a lot about many subjects, be able to keep children engaged and motivated, assess their understanding, and adjust your lessons to fit each student's way of learning. Many parents believe that they are not ready for this role, especially when it comes to subjects they have little knowledge about. When children lack confidence in themselves, it can make the learning environment less beneficial, and they may not receive the education they need.

A dad who took on the responsibility of homeschooling his daughter was comfortable with subjects like history and English, but he felt out of his depth with maths and science. As he was unsure what to do, he relied on standard textbooks and online resources, which did not always keep his child interested or help her understand. The dad's lack of confidence in teaching these complex subjects meant the lessons were not as interactive or enjoyable, which made his daughter lose interest and stop paying attention. The dad became more worried about not being able to give his child a comprehensive education as he saw how his teaching limitations were affecting his child's progress.

The process I recommend is simple. Identify your strengths in teaching and focus on those subjects initially. This approach allows you to build confidence and create engaging lessons. Once you have established a solid foundation, you can gradually incorporate more challenging subjects, seeking guidance and resources to improve your teaching skills.

Do not waste your time attempting to become an expert in every subject or expecting to be a perfect teacher from the start. Teaching effectively is a skill that can be developed over time. Many parents initially lack confidence and expertise in certain subjects, and that's perfectly normal. Instead of trying to master everything at once, focus on building your teaching skills gradually. Start with subjects you feel confident in, learn alongside your child, and seek resources and support to enhance your teaching abilities. By taking this approach, you can create a positive and effective learning environment for your child without feeling overwhelmed by the need to be a perfect teacher from day one.

My Montessori homeschooling programme provides a solution to this problem because it gives parents the help and materials they need to feel more confident and skilled as teachers. My programme can help parents, even if they don't have experience or training in teaching. It gives parents a lot of training materials and other resources they can use to become good teachers. There are detailed lesson plans for hands-on activities and methods that are simple to understand and use. Parents are shown how to make an enjoyable, interactive learning space that encourages their children to explore and find new things. It gives parents like you confidence in their teaching skills so they can give their child a well-rounded education in all subjects, even the ones they might find hard at first. My Montessori homeschooling can turn parents into skilled teachers who can ensure that their child gets an effective and holistic education.

The truth is, that lacking confidence and teaching skills can hinder the homeschooling journey for parents and students alike. Focusing on one subject and method at a time, while avoiding overly complex strategies, is key to success in homeschooling.

# INEFFECTIVE ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT & PROGRESS TRACKING

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The truth is, that being able to assess and keep track of a child's academic progress is one of the most crucial parts of an effective education system. Typically, this is an area where most homeschooling falls short. Parents often lack the right tools or information to properly assess their child's academic level and progress. When there are no reliable assessment tools, it can be hard to figure out if your child is meeting their learning goals, making the right progress for their age, or needs more help in some areas. Without these insights, it is difficult to adapt the teaching method to the needs of the child, which can slow their academic progress.

A mother of two who homeschools has seen this issue firsthand. The mother thought her son was doing well in his learning, however, she had no way to really tell or compare his progress to what was expected of him. She began to wonder if he was on the same level as his friends in traditional schools and if her ways of teaching were working. When her son said he was having trouble understanding more complicated math ideas, this uncertainty became more evident. She was unsure if this was just a normal part of his learning curve or a sign of a greater issue. Since there was not a structured assessment system, it was challenging for her to figure out his strengths and areas for improvement, which made her anxious about his overall academic journey.

The process that I recommend is really simple. Record the tasks they complete, their reactions to different activities, areas where they struggle, and where they excel. This practice helps identify learning patterns, strengths, and areas that need more attention.

Don't waste your time with ineffective or unclear tracking methods. A focused and systematic approach to assessment and tracking is the key to understanding and supporting your child's learning journey in homeschooling.

My Montessori homeschooling programme deals with such problems because it includes assessment tools in order to keep track of your child's progress. These tools are designed to assess a child's overall and ongoing academic progress. The assessment methods use qualitative as well as quantitative approaches to give an overview of how your child develops in many subject areas. Your observations and your child's records create a progress report that shows your child's academic level, how they learn best, and areas where they do well or need additional support. My Montessori homeschooling programme also follows the guidelines set by the UK government. It ensures children are not only learning at the right level for them but also meeting essential learning goals. This organised way of testing and keeping track of your child's learning gives parents like you the power to make informed decisions about their child's education, changing lessons and materials as needed to help their child continue growing and developing.

The truth is, without proper tracking, you won't know if your homeschooling approach is effective. It's crucial to see where your child is excelling and where they need more support. By focusing on tracking their progress, you can tailor homeschooling to their needs, keeping them engaged and learning effectively. Remember, the goal is not just to teach, but to see them grow and develop through your homeschooling efforts.

# PARENT AND CHILD BURNOUT

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The truth is that burnout is a major risk of homeschooling, and it affects both parents and children. It can be exhausting to keep up with all the demands of homeschooling, like planning lessons, teaching, and keeping track of progress, while also taking care of other things in the home. This constant stress can make both the parent teaching and the child learning physically and emotionally drained, which can lower the quality of education and the wellbeing of both. Burnout not only makes homeschooling less effective, but it also leaves family relationships tense, which makes for an unpleasant learning environment.

A mother who was homeschooling her two children felt enthusiastic at first, but as time went on, her responsibilities started to get to her. It got more and more difficult for her to manage her teaching, housework, and freelance work. The mother often felt tired and found it tricky to keep up her energy and enthusiasm for teaching. The fact that she was so tired made it harder for her to be creative with her children's education, which in turn created a boring and strict learning environment. Her children noticed that she was stressed, and they started to show signs of tiredness and disinterest, just like their mother.

The process I recommend is simple. Start by prioritising your most important tasks, focusing on key homeschooling activities and essential daily responsibilities. Use a straightforward and practical homeschooling approach that suits your family's lifestyle, avoiding overly complicated methods. Set clear boundaries between teaching, household duties, and personal work to ensure efficiency and reduce stress. Focus on the wellbeing of both your child and you, and regularly reflect and adjust your methods to ensure a balanced and effective homeschooling experience.

Do not waste your time attempting to juggle too many tasks, as this can lead to burnout and a less effective homeschooling experience. Focus on what truly matters and seek balance in your daily routine to ensure both you and your child remain engaged and enthusiastic about learning.

My Montessori homeschooling programme is a great way to deal with this problem because it encourages a more balanced approach. This method lowers the risk of burnout by promoting a collaborative learning environment where children are given more freedom to learn on their own. The Montessori method focuses on encouraging independence in learning, which means that parents do not need to do as much teaching as they think. Parents can make their homeschooling schedule more manageable by giving their children planned, child-led learning activities as well as follow-up work from what they have previously explored using the comprehensive curriculum provided. Not only does this approach make daily life easier for parents, but it also makes learning more fun and lasts longer for children. The programme creates a learning environment where education is a journey that everyone takes part in, not just one person's job. This maintains a healthy balance that benefits the entire family.

The truth is, if you are trying to do too much in your homeschooling routine, it can lead to burnout, harming both the quality of education and your family's wellbeing. By focusing on a simpler, more effective approach like Montessori, you can avoid burnout and create a more positive and productive learning environment for your child. Remember, the goal is not just to educate but to maintain a happy, healthy home where learning is a joy, not a burden.

# THANK YOU

I truly appreciate the time and effort you have put into understanding the challenges of homeschooling. It's a path filled with unique obstacles, and it's crucial to have someone in your corner who understands and cares. If my guide has resonated with you and you are seeking tailored advice to enhance your homeschooling approach, I'm here for you. Book a personal call with me, and together we can discuss how I can help meet your specific homeschooling needs. Your journey matters, and I'm committed to supporting you every step of the way.



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