



Dear Teacher or Parent,

Welcome to Truffles' Pumpkin Patch Project!

Nearly 4 out of every 100 children are diagnosed with Amblyopia; a condition in which one eye sees better than the other. The most common form of treatment is occlusion therapy which requires the child to wear an eye patching over their non affected eye. This party pack was created to help children learn a little about eye patching while making sure the child who patches feels supported, included, and in control of their own story.

Before beginning the classroom activity, please take a moment to review the enclosed My Patching Story choice card privately with the child who patches.

They can decide whether they would like to:

- Share with the class that they wear an eye patch and, if they wish, tell a little about their own vision journey.

OR

- Keep their own patching journey private and let Truffles introduce the class to one of her other Furriends who patches.

There is no right or wrong choice. Some children are excited to talk about patching, while others may not want their classmates to know. We want the child to decide what feels most comfortable.

If they choose to share their own patching journey, give them the opportunity only if and when they feel ready. They may share a few words or show their patch, this is entirely up to them. Included is a list of prompts you can ask the child to help them share.

If they choose to keep their own story private, simply use the enclosed Collector Card featuring another child who patches. This gives the class a real story to learn from without identifying anyone in the room.

