The Grove Home and School Charter

Why do we need a Home School Charter?

It is a reminder to all stakeholders of our commitment, underpinned by the school ethos and values, that we all will endeavor to put in the time and effort required in order for our children to succeed. It also acts as a clear starting point for new pupils, their parents/carers and the school staff and provides a starting point for exploring any difficulties that may on occasion arise.

	School	Home	Pupils
Teaching and Learning: Pupils deserve the highest possible standard of teaching and support to help them learn.	 Our school will, to the best of our ability: Provide your child with a high standard of education, within a balanced curriculum Provide an enriched curriculum which challenges and motivates Ensure our learning environment is stimulating and challenging Use regular assessment to track pupil progress Ensure that each child has the opportunities, support and guidance to achieve his/her full potential 	 Home will, to the best of their ability: Support the school's philosophy of high expectations for all Take an interest in what their child is learning Participate, where possible, in class activities and off-site visits Encourage their child to work hard and support them with homework 	 Pupils will, to the best of their ability: Come to school ready to learn Work hard in all lessons Ask for help if they need it and try their best in all that they do
Attendance: Pupils have the right to education and parents have a legal responsibility to make sure children attend regularly.	Our school will aim to: Work with parents to support their child to attend regularly and be punctual Contact parents on the first day of unknown absence Report to and work with parents when attendance or punctuality is becoming a concern Refer to Education Welfare where attendance has become a concern	 Home will aim to: Make every effort to make sure that their child attends school every day and arrives and is collected on time Inform the school as soon as possible about any absence and the reason for it Not take children on holiday during term time Try to get medical appointments outside of school where their child's health is not urgent 	Pupils will aim to: Arrive on time at 8.45 ready to learn Attend school every day unless they are ill
Behaviour and Ethos: Pupils learn best in an orderly environment where everyone knows what is expected of them.	 Our school will aim to: Treat everyone with respect Celebrate your child's academic and personal achievements Teach your child to develop a positive attitude to others, regardless of gender, race, culture, belief, values, age and need. Encourage your child to become an active member within our community and help them to see that they have an impact on the world around them Have a behaviour policy which creates a safe and caring environment for everyone and is implemented consistently Make sure that all staff, pupils and parents know what behaviour is expected of them Care for your child's safety and well-being by observation and listening Teach children about being safe when using the internet Liaise with external agencies where necessary when concerns arise (Social Care, Police, Cambridgeshire Inclusion Team) 	 Home will aim to: Treat everyone with respect Do their-best to provide a safe, secure and happy environment at home for their child, acknowledging that they learn from home role models. Support the school by encouraging their child to develop a positive attitude towards our diverse, multi-cultural community Give praise at home for good behaviour and attitude at school Work with the school to find solutions in cases of unacceptable behaviour Make sure their child comes to school with the necessary equipment and books Guide their child to keep safe online 	 Pupils will aim to: Treat everyone with respect Be a role model for The Grove, ambassadors to others in the school and the wider community Have a positive attitude to learning and school Respect other children's culture, race, feelings, beliefs and values Take good care of the building, equipment and school grounds Follow the code of conduct/rules Use the internet safely and appropriately
Home Learning: Learning at home has an important part to play in helping pupils to achieve.	 Our school will aim to: Provide regular home learning activities that is linked to current learning Provide information and helpful training sessions for you that will give you confidence to support your child. 	 Home will aim to: Support their child in home learning including spellings and times tables Try to listen to their child read every day, commenting in the reading record book at least weekly Encourage their child to remain committed to attending any extra-curricular clubs they have signed up for 	Pupils will aim to: Try to complete all home learning set and return it to school on time Try to read every day and complete their reading record (as appropriate Practise spellings and times tables Attend any extra-curricular clubs demonstrating their commitment
Communication: Good communication between home and school is essential to make sure that pupils get the support they need.	 Our school will aim to: Make sure that parents have information about their child's progress, behaviour and general school matters Make sure that parents are informed about what their child is learning Make sure we listen to parents' concerns and do our best to help 	 Home will aim to: Tell the school about anything that may affect their child's learning or behaviour Read school emails, texts and newsletters to keep informed. Attend parent evenings Raise concerns promptly and directly with the school through the appropriate channels Update medical details regularly, informing the school of any changes 	 Pupils will aim to: Talk with their teachers or parents/carers about any worries they have Take letters, notes and reports from school and give them to their parents/carers
Uniform and Food:	 Our school will aim to: actively encourage children to wear uniform actively encourage children to eat healthily work together with parents to ensure children have equal access to school uniform 	 Home will aim to: actively encourage children to wear uniform actively encourage children to eat healthily by providing healthy/well balanced snacks and packed lunches for their child 	 Pupils will aim to: Wear the correct uniform everyday Come to school with the correct equipment e.g. PE kit, water bottle, reading record Eat healthy snacks and lunches