



# Home - School Agreement

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Review date	
Signed by Chair of Governing Body	
Signed by the Principal Designate	

This agreement was written by Andrea Fricker, Principal Designate

Consultation	
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## Vision statement

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We aim to be a forward thinking outstanding school inspiring learning. Grove Academy will develop confident young people, who will excel in their educational, personal and social development, achieving more than they believed possible.

We aim to develop the literacy, digital literacy, creative and entrepreneurial skills of our pupils. There will be an emphasis on innovation and leadership. The curriculum will encourage problem solving, critical reflection, research and challenge and the development of analytic skills fostering the business men and women of the future.

We want all of our pupils to be 'active citizens'. All pupils will be encouraged and given the confidence to participate in decision making, providing support and/or creative input across the three areas of family well-being, public service and generating wealth. Through this we will develop self-confident and responsible pupils who contribute to the local community of Slough and are well placed to become future leaders.

## The school will:

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- Provide a curriculum that is challenging and diverse; inspiring creativity, innovation and leadership.
- Be a stimulating and inspiring learning environment. It will be welcoming to all learners providing a very clear message that it is a place of learning where excellence can be achieved.
- Promote optimum attendance and positive relationships amongst school pupils and staff.
- Develop independent learners through a programme of personalised learning, focused on individual needs, interests and ambitions.
- Will have the highest expectations of all staff and pupils, promoting high standards of achievement for all and minimising gaps in progress and attainment.
- Celebrate your child's academic and personal achievements.
- Care for your child's safety and well-being.
- Encourage your child to become an active member within our community and help them to see that they can have an impact on the world around them.
- Regularly meet with you to communicate the progress of your child, celebrating their strengths and explaining how we can support them in their areas for development.
- Provide information to you about our school, including relevant policies, meetings, workshops, activities, newsletters and open days in a wide variety of ways.
- Provide you with a warm welcome and offer you genuine opportunities to make suggestions and to acknowledge that constructive feedback.

## As a parent/carer I will:

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- Ensure that my child attends school consistently and punctually, providing the school with a note to cover any absence; recognising the incurrance of a fine for term time holidays.
- Make sure that my child is wearing named school uniform or other suitable clothing, takes pride in their appearance and brings the correct equipment for each day.
- Endeavour to provide a safe, secure and happy environment at home for my child, acknowledging that they learn at home.
- Let the school know of any concerns or worries that may be affecting my child's learning, behaviour or ability to do homework, as this can then be resolved quickly.
- Support the school by encouraging my child to develop a positive attitude about all aspects of school and towards the diverse, multi-cultural community.

- Attend meetings with teachers and other staff, aiming to be positive and productive, working towards moving my child on in their learning.
- Support and work with you to ensure that the behaviour management policies of the school are maintained, particularly with my child.
- Read all information sent home and/or online as this gives me important details of relevant policies, meetings, workshops, activities, open days.
- Support the school and PTA when fundraising and organising activities for the benefit of a variety of causes and also our school.

## **I, as a Pupil of Grove Academy, will:**

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- Respect other children's culture, race, feelings, beliefs and values.
- Be polite to other people in school and also in the community; behave in an honest and sensible manner, showing respect for the school building, school grounds and for mine own and other people's property.
- Wear full school uniform and take a pride in my appearance; ensure that I bring to school each day the appropriate equipment.
- Consistently attend school punctually.
- Behave in a safe way by following all health and safety guidance and be active in risk assessment during school activities and trips.
- Follow the school's rules and be fully involved in regularly reviewing those rules.
- Approach all aspects of school life with a Growth Mindset and a positive attitude to learning. I will learn from my errors and understand that the point isn't to get things right straight away. The point is to grow my understanding step by step. The things I do not know, I do not know 'yet'.
- Be a good member of our community by helping all staff and telling them if someone, on the rare occasion, is being bullied, hurt or unhappy and also tell a member of staff if I am worried or unhappy about anything.
- Understand that e-safety is important and therefore will keep my computer passwords confidential and use the school's computer systems according to the rules and guidance laid down.

## **Younger pupil agreement:**

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I will:

- Respect other people.
- Be polite and honest.
- Wear school uniform and keep myself neat and tidy.
- Come to school every day on time.
- Behave in a safe way so I do not hurt myself or others.
- Follow the school rules.
- Be positive about my learning and have a 'I can't do it - yet' attitude.
- Be helpful to all staff and tell them if you think someone is unhappy or worried.

## **The ICT Usage Policy:**

In addition to this Home School Agreement, every student is asked to sign a Student Internet and Email Acceptable Use Policy Permission Form before being allowed to access the school's ICT Network and Internet connection. This is in the interests of safety and privacy, and details what is expected of students when using school computers.