

Orton Wistow Primary School

Parent's Charter

We firmly believe that all children benefit where there is a strong partnership between home and school and we hope that you will feel able to support our Parent's Charter.

In January 2010 we were visited by Ofsted who were looking at the impact that links between parents/carers and schools have on supporting and encouraging young people's achievement, well-being and personal development. We were delighted to be awarded an 'Outstanding' in all areas of the report.

Ofsted found that we do a tremendous amount to involve parents in their children's education and that we go out of our way to give parents what they want wherever it is practical. However, as part of their feedback, Ofsted advised us that in order to maximise on this area of achievement we needed to ensure we are always clear on the school's expectations around **how** parents can be involved in their children's learning to ensure the partnership is the most beneficial for the child.

After consulting staff, Parents' Forum and Governors, we have created this Parent Charter which details an agreed set of expectations of parents with children at the school. We believe them all to be in the interests of optimising your child's experience of the school and that they are achievable given the pressures of work, family and life generally.

In principle therefore, our expectations are that you will :

First and foremost:

- ⊙ Engage in an active partnership with the school, sharing with us any information that you feel might affect your child's happiness or learning in school

- ⊙ Approach the school if you have any queries or questions about what we do or how we do it.

On a more practical level:

- ⊙ Attend both Parent Consultations each year, as well as the Curriculum Evening for parents
- ⊙ Read regularly with your children, whatever their age or ability
- ⊙ Support your child in completing their homework and ensuring that it is returned by the date set
- ⊙ Ensure your child comes to school with the equipment that they need, including their PE kit so that they can take part in all aspects of the curriculum
- ⊙ Promote the wearing of our school uniform
- ⊙ Ensure your child attends school regularly and arrives on time
- ⊙ Support the School's Attendance Policy by only requesting a Leave of Absence in exceptional circumstances
- ⊙ Involve yourself in the life of the school by wherever possible joining us for school events, such as Groundforce Day, the Summer Fair, performances and events organised by the Friends of Wistow School (FOWS)

If you have any feedback about any aspect of the Charter please do speak to your child's class teacher, Mr Marks or Mr Eardley.

