

# Supporting Study at Grove Academy

## A guide for parents.



Learners experience a wide range of learning and teaching approaches in at Grove Academy. The context in which they learn is often challenging and enjoyable and includes creative activities and investigation. Our young people are encouraged to communicate in different ways and in different settings applying critical thinking in new contexts. They understand that excellent learning means being able to explain and show concepts clearly in their own words or in writing or in diagrams. Children in general, become more confident by being given appropriate support and challenge. Good study habits are important for success in school. Knowing how to study effectively fosters feelings of competence, develops positive attitudes, and helps children realize they can control how well they do in school and in life.

Good study habits also lay the groundwork for successful work habits as an adult.

Grove Academy is committed to ensuring that teachers and parents work together to help children learn good study skills and homework techniques in order to achieve to the best of their potential.



## Make Doing Homework/Studying a Positive Experience – A few tips for parents.

- ✓ Provide support and praise for homework completion.
- ✓ Having a regular place to study will also help you and your child establish a routine for good study habits.
- ✓ Probably the most important thing to keep in mind when choosing a study spot is to keep it away from distractions, like the television.
- ✓ Help your child believe in his or her ability to succeed. When you praise work completed successfully, you are showing your child that he or she can do well in school. Success builds confidence.
- ✓ Encourage your children to complete homework well enough that they have a sense of pride in what they do.
- ✓ Maintain a positive and helpful attitude.
- ✓ It is important for you to set up a regular study time for your child and to try and be strict about maintaining it. This will help your child establish a routine for studying, which is a key to good homework habits.
- ✓ Encourage your children to participate in study groups with friends. Research shows that children who form study groups perform better than children who always study alone. Young people often engage in co-operative learning in discussion with others.
- ✓ Never use homework as a punishment.
- ✓ Be a good listener, and encourage your child to ask their teacher questions about things that they are having difficulty with.
- ✓ Set aside time for your children to talk about what they are learning at school.



