

# Our Class Charter



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# What Is a Class Charter?

A class charter is a democratically agreed contract that we will devise together as a class. We will decide on which rights and responsibilities we think are the most important to allow us all to work happily and to achieve the best that we can when working in our classroom.

The charter will be a reminder of how we should all behave and how we should treat each other in order to respect the rights of every single member of our class.

# What Are Our Rights?

According to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), every child has the right to:

- be healthy;
- be safe;
- be themselves;
- be heard.

This is the right of every child regardless of their gender, race, religion or ability and we all have a responsibility to respect them.

# The Right to Be Healthy

What does it mean to be healthy?

What does a healthy child look like in the classroom? What will they be doing? How will they be behaving?

Why is it important for a child to be healthy?

What does it mean to have a healthy mind?

# The Right to Be Healthy

With your partner or in a small group, write down what we all need to do so that everyone in our class will have a healthy mind and body.



# The Right to Be Safe

What does it mean to be safe in the classroom and at school?

What does a child who feels safe in the classroom look like?

What will they be doing? How will they be behaving?

Why is it important for a child to feel safe?

# The Right to Be Safe

With your partner or in a small group, write down what we all need to do so that everyone in our class will be safe from harm or mistreatment.



# The Right to Be Yourself

What does it mean to be yourself?

Why is it important for a child to have the chance to be themselves?

What does a child who is able to be themselves look like in the classroom? What will they be doing? How will they be behaving?



# The Right to Be Yourself

With your partner or in a small group, write down what we all need to do so that everyone in our class has the chance to be themselves.



# The Right to Be Heard

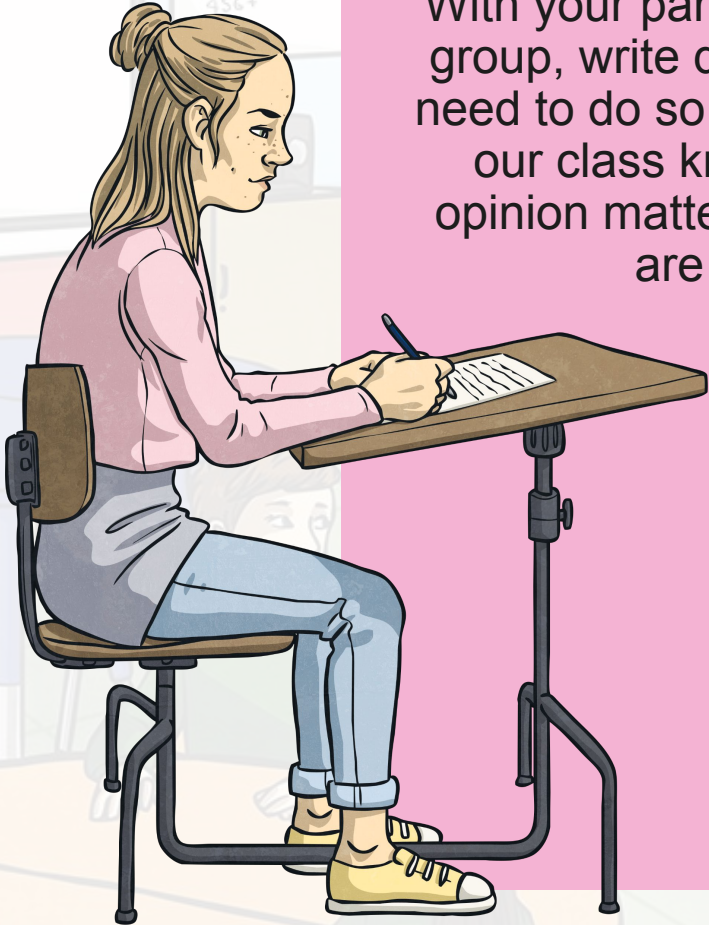
What does it mean to be heard in the classroom?

Why is it important for every child's thoughts, ideas and opinions to be heard?

What does a child who feels that they are listened to look like in the classroom? What will they be doing? How will they be behaving?

# The Right to Be Heard

With your partner or in a small group, write down what we all need to do so that every one in our class knows that their opinion matters and that they are heard.



# Let's Write Our Class Charter

Now that we've had a chance to think about our rights and why they are important, we need to write our charter so that we can respect these rights.

Remember, this is not a set of rules. Instead, it should be a guideline and a reminder of our responsibility to respect everyone's rights.

We need to keep it positive. For example, instead of writing, 'Don't shout out in class', we could write, 'We will put our hands up if we have something that we would like to share.'



# Let's Write Our Class Charter

Let's gather our ideas, find which ones are the most popular and reword them so that we can complete our class charter!



# Don't Forget to Sign!

Once we have made our class charter, it is important that each and everyone of us signs it to show that we are in agreement and to show that we have selected these guidelines together and democratically.

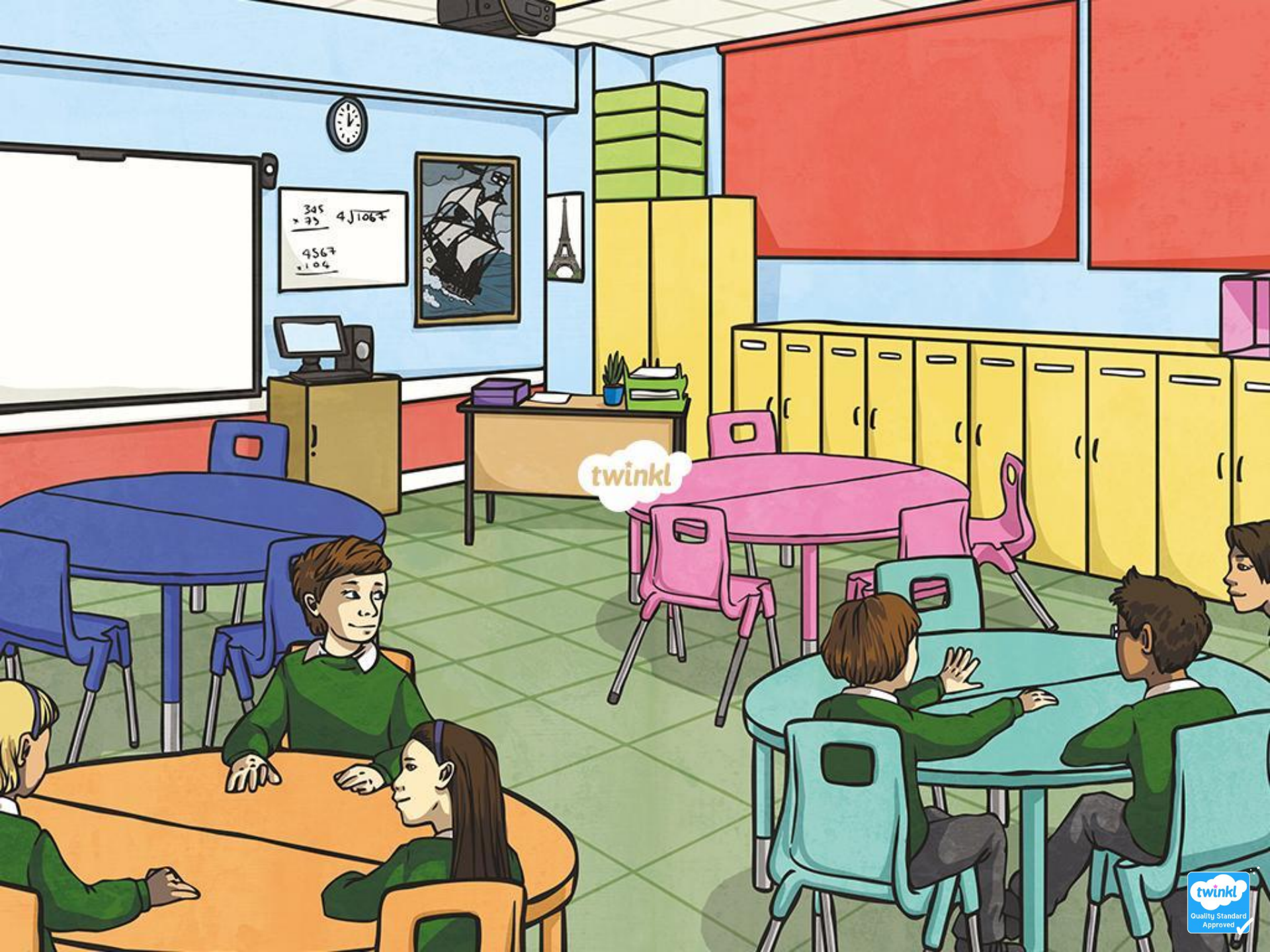


A colorful illustration of a classroom. In the background, there is a whiteboard with a clock above it, a window with yellow curtains, and a stack of books. In the foreground, there are several students sitting at desks. One student on the left is wearing a green shirt and has blonde hair. Another student in the middle is wearing a dark shirt and has long dark hair. A student on the right is wearing a green shirt and has brown hair. The overall scene is bright and cheerful.

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Well done!

Now that we have our class charter, we will be able to learn in a happy, safe and supportive classroom in which we will all be respected and able to achieve our own personal best!



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