



Charter for Grandchildren

As part of the Scottish Government's [Family Justice Modernisation Strategy](#) we are writing out to key bodies to raise awareness of and promote the [Charter for Grandchildren](#).

The Scottish Government's aspiration is that all families are supported to give their children the best start in life, so that Scotland's children grow up loved, safe and respected and that they realise their full potential.

We recognise the positive influence that grandparents have in many families in relation to bringing up children. Research shows that grandparents may be an important source of support for their grandchildren particularly at times of family crisis, such as parental divorce.

In 2006 the Scottish Government introduced the [Charter for Grandchildren](#). The Charter sets out that grandchildren can expect, amongst other things, to know and maintain contact with their wider family except in very exceptional circumstances. It also highlights the role of the wider family.

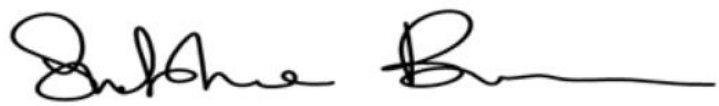
The Charter was republished in 2018 when the Scottish Government launched [Your Parenting Plan](#), which provides a comprehensive guide for parents who live apart or who are separating on agreeing practical arrangements for the care and wellbeing of their children. This guide also contains useful information on sources of specialist support and advice for parents and others with parental responsibilities and rights.

As part of our aim to further raise awareness and continue to promote the Charter, we have developed content on our [Parent Club](#) website, including a section on getting grandparents involved, and [Family Support Directory](#) which brings together all the helpful organisations, benefits and information that support parents and carers, no matter what the situation or stage a child is at.

We would be grateful for your support in promoting the Charter for Grandchildren within your organisation, ensuring children and young people are aware of what they have a right to expect.

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