



## UNICEF's Rights Respecting Schools Program



At the heart of our school's ethos and behaviour systems is our commitment to promoting children's rights. We make sure that children understand their rights in the context of our school, in their communities as well as national and global issues. We have received UNICEF's Recognition of Commitment (ROC) and are working towards our Level 1 award.

Our children understand that with rights we must respect the rights of others. Practically this means that if we understand that we have the right to be safe, learn, respected and happy; we must respect others to ensure they get their right to be safe, learn, respected and happy too.

At the start of each academic year every class decides which three rights they want their class to focus. For example:

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child	What children agree to do	What adults agree to do
<p><b><u>Article 24</u></b></p> <p>Every child has the right to the best possible health care (good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, clean environment).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Keep school tidy</li> <li>✓ Put rubbish in bins or recycle</li> <li>✓ Bring water bottles every day</li> <li>✓ Bring in healthy snack and lunchbox</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Clean water is available</li> <li>✓ School is safe</li> <li>✓ Contact school nurse if necessary</li> <li>✓ Provide healthy lunches</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Article 28</u></b></p> <p>Every child has the right to an education.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Always try their best</li> <li>✓ Listen Carefully</li> <li>✓ Have 100% attendance</li> <li>✓ Be punctual</li> <li>✓ Complete homework</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Make sure behaviour is good</li> <li>✓ Helpful</li> <li>✓ Provide resources</li> <li>✓ Be positive</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Article 12</u></b></p> <p>Every child has the right to have a say in all matters affecting them and to have their views taken seriously.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Tell an adult if there is something affecting you</li> <li>✓ Listen and take turns</li> <li>✓ Be respectful</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Listen to concerns</li> <li>✓ Be respectful</li> <li>✓ Give opportunities e.g. school council to share opinions</li> <li>✓ Share all ideas</li> </ul>

In this section we have attached some literature to explain how this works in our school and links to some UNICEF documents about [Rights Respecting Schools](#). You can also visit UNICEF's website for further information.

Every month we focus on a different right. UNICEF Rights Group (URG) decide the focused right and announce it to the whole school at the first Celebration Assembly of every month. To motivate and develop the pupils' understanding further, there is a monthly competition, for example, to make a poster or poem on the focused right. We have included some images and resources from UNICEF and our URG.

