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Dear Parents / Carers,

Many of you will have heard of UNICEF - the world's leading organisation who work to transform children's lives by protecting and promoting their rights. UNICEF runs the Rights Respecting School Award (RRSA) which recognises schools who have put the UN's Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) at the heart their ethos.

What are children's rights?

There are 42 main articles in the convention, which set out how children should be treated. Our school will be working on implementing the articles through our general practice; these are the most relevant ones for the children:

- The right to a childhood
- The right to be healthy
- The right to be treated fairly
- The right to a voice.

By adopting the UNCRC and intrinsically weaving into the school's curriculum, the school will improve the wellbeing of our children and develop their talents and abilities to the fullest. The school will be a place where not only their rights will be respected, but they will also learn to respect others and become empowered and active citizens and learners.

The scheme has been running since 2004 and there is now growing evidence that by following and achieving this award, it helps to improve children's self-esteem, enhance their moral development and improve behaviour and relationships. In turn, not only does this help the children, but the staff also, thereby improving the school overall and our learning and academic standards.

Throughout the year, staff and pupils will work together on this important and incredibly exciting journey. We will set up a Pupil focus group with our School Council Representatives taking on the roles of Rights Respecting School champions and conduct an audit of our school. This will help us to write an action plan to ensure we focus on the rights of the child in our school.

We welcome ideas from the school community and would love parents/ carers to join our stakeholder group. For more information please visit the UNICEF website at www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa

Kind regards

The Rights Respecting Schools Team



We seek to be a learning centre of excellence at the heart of the local community, fostering the intellectual, spiritual and emotional development of all who play a part in the school, looking to follow the teachings of Jesus in all we do.