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Dear Parent/Carer,

UNICEF UK's Rights Respecting School Award

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent survey about the Rights Respecting School Award. Your feedback was greatly appreciated.

The survey highlighted that, since achieving Gold status some years ago, we have not always shared enough information about the award with newer families. This letter is a first step in addressing that.

We were delighted to see that 96% of respondents feel our Rights Respecting School status has a positive impact on their children. As a Gold Rights Respecting School, children's rights are embedded in all areas of school life, with mutual respect modelled in all relationships.

The award is based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which sets out the rights every child needs to be safe, healthy and able to thrive. Pupils learn about their rights and how to respect the rights of others, helping them develop confidence, wellbeing and responsibility.

Further information and a short Q&A are included overleaf. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs Anderson. You can also find more information at: https://www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Petrie
Head of School

Rights Respecting Schools Award – FAQs

Q1: What is the Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA)?
A: The RRSA is an initiative run by UNICEF UK that helps schools embed children's rights in their daily school life. RRSA helps give children the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens.

Q2: Why is our school involved in this award?
A: By achieving the RRSA, our school is committed to placing children's rights at the heart of everything we do. This helps improve wellbeing, supports every child to reach their potential, and encourages a culture of mutual respect.

Q3: What are children's rights?
A: Children's rights are the basic things every child needs to survive, grow, participate, and reach their potential. These rights are set out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), which the UK government has agreed to uphold.

Q4: How will this benefit my child?
A: Children in Rights Respecting Schools feel safer, happier, and more included. They learn about their rights and how to respect the rights of others, which helps them become confident, active citizens both in school and in the wider world.

Q5: What will my child learn?
A: Pupils will learn about their rights as set out in the CRC and how to put them into practice every day. They will also learn about being rights-respecting citizens locally and globally.

Q6: How can parents and carers get involved?
A: We encourage you to talk with your child about what they are learning. You can find more about the Convention on the Rights of the Child at https://www.unicef.org/child-rights-convention

Q7: Where can I find more information?
A: For further details, please contact our Rights Respecting Schools Coordinator Mrs Anderson, or visit the UNICEF UK RRSA website: https://www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa