

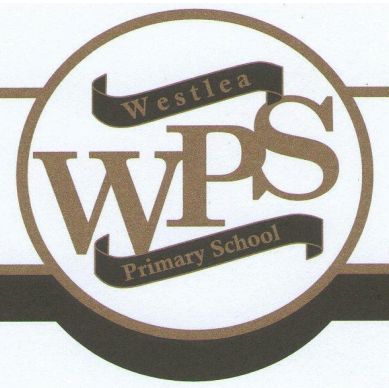
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Working towards Rights Respecting School! Level 1

What is a Rights Respecting School?

UNICEF UK's Rights Respecting Schools initiative helps a school community to use the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) to help develop a clear set of values that are actively upheld by pupils.

What are children's Rights?

All children are entitled to basic human rights. They have 42 rights that enable them to be kept safe and protected as well as ensuring they have every opportunity they are entitled to. The UNCRC sets out the rights that must be realised for children to develop to their full potential, free from hunger and want, neglect and abuse. These rights are not something

that children need to earn or that adults and governments can take away as a punishment. They contain the basic protection and support that all children are entitled to. All children have the same rights, no matter what their background or where they live.

What will we be doing?

We will be inviting specialist leaders into school to teach about rights and the UNCRC. In classes, teachers are teaching children about rights and a lot of classes have linked rights and responsibilities with their class rules. These are presented in all classes as their Class Charters.

As you know, we already have lots of 'Pupil Voice' at our school, so our Eco- School group (Westlea Warriors) and School Council will carry on their brilliant work, coming up with even more ideas to make our school a better place.

One of our biggest challenges is getting everyone to use the language of rights and responsibilities across the whole school. To help with this, the children have been introduced to these in their classes as well as regular assemblies. We will continue to build on this to ensure all 42 rights on the UNCRC are easier for us all to understand.

We look forward to working together with you and the whole school community to achieve level 1 Rights Respecting Schools.