

# Rights Respecting

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## Seeking recognition as a UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School!

Lockhart Campus is seeking to be recognised as a school that has children’s rights sitting at the heart of its ethos and culture, in support of improving children’s well-being and in the development of their talents and abilities so that they can reach their full potential. We are therefore working towards being recognised as a ‘Rights Respecting School’, an award given to schools on behalf of UNICEF UK.

UNICEF is the world’s leading organisation working for children and young people and their rights. In 1989, governments across the world agreed that all children have the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). These rights are based on what a child needs to survive, grow, participate and fulfil their potential.

Lockhart Campus pupils will learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day. A Rights Respecting School models rights and respect in all its relationships.

**1** **<18**  
**Everyone under 18 has these rights**

Under the UNCRC a child means every human being below the age of 18.

Unless under the law of that country majority is attained earlier – for example if I get married at 16.

**42**  
**Everyone should know about the UNCRC**

It is the government’s job to make sure that adults and children know about the UNCRC.

They should make sure they do this in an appropriate and active way.

**29**  
**I have the right to an education which develops my personality, respect for others’ rights and the environment**

Education should develop my respect for human rights.

It should develop my personality and talents.

Education should develop my respect for the natural environment.

It should encourage me to respect my parents, my own and other cultures.

We really hope that you will be able to support our school on our journey towards becoming a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School. It would be great if you could spend a few minutes reading through our questions & answers in this newsletter. You could also find a bit more about the Convention on the Rights of the Child by visiting [unicef.org.uk/crc](http://unicef.org.uk/crc)

For further information about Rights Respecting Schools please visit: [www.unicef.org.uk/rrs](http://www.unicef.org.uk/rrs)





## Questions and Answers...

It is an exciting time in the life of Lockhart Campus. We have started our RRS journey which will benefit the whole school community, from pupils and staff to parents and governors.

Here's what we think you might like to know about it!

What is a UNICEF  
UK Rights  
Respecting  
School?

When schools get involved, the children learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day. Children and adults will learn about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) which outlines what children need to survive and thrive, becoming the best they can be and achieving their potential.

Why is this  
happening?

A Unicef UK Rights Respecting School models rights and respect in all its relationships, whether between adults and pupils, between pupils or between adults. It is proven to benefit everyone in the school community to grow and learn together. Read more about the Award at [www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa](http://www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa)

How will becoming  
a Rights Respecting  
School benefit my  
child(ren)?

This approach works in many schools across the country to improve well-being and develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. Headteachers from schools involved in the Award say it has improved children's and young people's respect for themselves and others and contributed to children and young people being more engaged in their learning.

How can I get  
involved?

We hope you will support the school's journey to become a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School. Please do read about the Convention and Unicef's work (next page) to see what it's all about!





## Questions and Answers...

What is the convention on the Rights of the Child?

In 1989, governments worldwide promised all children the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Convention recognised that all children have the right to be treated with dignity and fairness, to be protected, to develop to their full potential and to participate. The rights in the Convention describe what a child needs to survive, grow, and live up to their potential in the world. They apply equally to every child, no matter who they are or where they come from.

What is UNICEF?

The Convention changed the way children are viewed and treated – in other words, as human beings with a distinct set of rights instead of as passive objects of care and charity. It is the most widely ratified human rights treaty – only the United States has not ratified it. The UK signed up to it in 1991.

Unicef is the world's leading organisation for children and young people, promoting the rights and wellbeing of every child, in everything they do. Together with their partners, Unicef works in 190 countries to translate that commitment into practical action.

You can read more about it at [www.unicef.org.uk/crc](http://www.unicef.org.uk/crc) and download a summary of the articles at [bit.ly/CRC-over11](http://bit.ly/CRC-over11)

Unicef UK is a registered charity. It raises funds through donations from individuals, organisations and companies and campaigns to keep children safe. Unicef UK also works with schools, hospitals and local authorities in the UK to put children at the heart of what they do.

To find out more about Unicef, go to [www.unicef.org.uk](http://www.unicef.org.uk)



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## UN Convention on the Rights of the Child



children's  
COMMISSIONER



### Survival



You have a right to life, good food, water, and to grow up healthy

### Development



You have a right to an education and time to relax and play

### Participation



You have a right to say how you feel, be listened to, and taken seriously

### Protection



You have a right to be treated well and not be hurt by anyone

<p><b>1</b> Everyone under 18 has these rights</p>	<p><b>2</b> All children have these rights</p>	<p><b>3</b> Adults must do what's best for us</p>	<p><b>4</b> The Government should make sure my rights are respected</p>	<p><b>5</b> The Government should respect the rights of my family to help me learn about my rights</p>	<p><b>6</b> I should be supported to live and grow</p>
<p><b>7</b> I have a right to come and live in my country</p>	<p><b>8</b> I have a right to nationality</p>	<p><b>9</b> I have a right to live with a family who cares for me</p>	<p><b>10</b> I have the right to see my family if they live in another country</p>	<p><b>11</b> I have the right not to be taken out of the country illegally</p>	<p><b>12</b> I have the right to be listened to, and taken seriously</p>
<p><b>13</b> I have the right to find out and share information</p>	<p><b>14</b> I have the right to have my own thoughts and beliefs and to choose my religion, with my parents' guidance</p>	<p><b>15</b> I have the right to meet with friends and join groups</p>	<p><b>16</b> I have the right to keep some things private</p>	<p><b>17</b> I have the right to get information in lots of ways, as long as it's safe</p>	<p><b>18</b> I have the right to be brought up by both parents if possible</p>
<p><b>19</b> I have the right to be protected from being hurt or badly treated</p>	<p><b>20</b> I have the right to equal protection and help if I can't live with my own family</p>	<p><b>21</b> I have the right to have the best care if I am adopted</p>	<p><b>22</b> If I am a refugee, I have the same rights as children born in that country</p>	<p><b>23</b> If I have a disability, I have the right to special care and education</p>	<p><b>24</b> I have the right to good quality health care, to clean water and good food</p>
<p><b>25</b> If I am not living with my family, people should help me so I can live and be happy</p>	<p><b>26</b> My family should get the money they need to help bring me up</p>	<p><b>27</b> I have the right to have a proper home, food and clothing</p>	<p><b>28</b> I have the right to an education</p>	<p><b>29</b> I have the right to an education which develops my personality, respects my rights and the environment</p>	<p><b>30</b> I have a right to speak my own language and to follow my family's way of life</p>
<p><b>31</b> I have a right to relax and play</p>	<p><b>32</b> I should not be made to do dangerous work</p>	<p><b>33</b> I should be protected from dangerous drugs</p>	<p><b>34</b> Nobody should touch me in ways that make me feel uncomfortable, unsafe or sad</p>	<p><b>35</b> I should not be abandoned, sold or trafficked</p>	<p><b>36</b> I have the right to be kept safe from things that could harm my development</p>
<p><b>37</b> I have the right not to be punished in a cruel or harmful way</p>	<p><b>38</b> I am not allowed to join the army until I am 15</p>	<p><b>39</b> I have the right to help if I have some form, physical or bodily treatment</p>	<p><b>40</b> I have the right to legal help and to be treated fairly if I have been accused of breaking the law</p>	<p><b>41</b> Where our country treats us better than the UN does we should keep up the good work</p>	<p><b>42</b> Everyone should know about the UNCR</p>