

St John's Primary School

Rights Respecting School Newsletter



What is a Rights Respecting School?

At St John's, we are working towards achieving the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA). UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) is the organisation working specifically for children and their rights. Its mission is to campaign for the protection of children's rights in order to meet children's basic needs and empower them to realise their full potential.

The purpose of the RRSA

In a rights respecting school, children learn to associate rights with needs and distinguish between their rights and 'wants'. They learn that if they have rights, they need to respect the rights of others.

What are children's rights?

All human beings are entitled to basic human rights. Children have a particular set of rights due to their vulnerability and need for protection. 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. They contain the basic protection and support that children are entitled to.

All children have the same rights, no matter what their background or where they live.

