



To support the personal development of children, at West Rise we have recently began working towards recognition as a 'Rights Respecting School'.

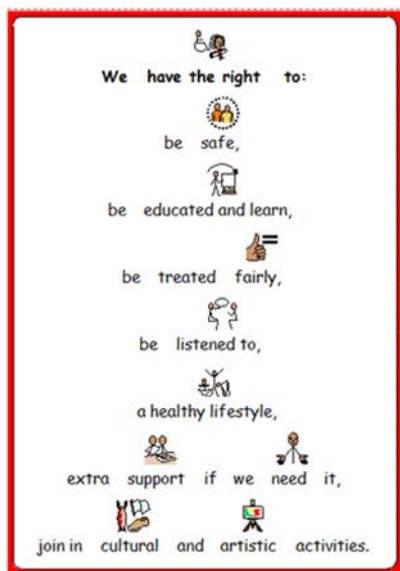
The Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA) recognises achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) at the heart of a school's planning, policies, practice and ethos. This award is given to schools on behalf of UNICEF. UNICEF is the world's leading organisation working for children and their rights. These rights are based on what a child needs to survive, grow, participate and fulfil their potential.

In November 2015 West Rise Junior School received the **Recognition of Commitment (ROC) status**, which is the first stage in the process of becoming a "Right Respecting school". With our School Council we will now begin working towards achieving 'Level 1' status from UNICEF.

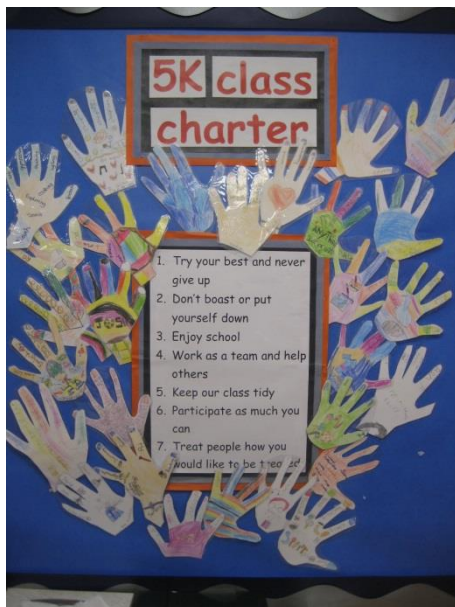


As part of the RRSA our school golden rules have been re-written to form Rights and Responsibilities. The UN convention of Childrens rights has 42 rights but, along with West Rise Infant School, we have summed them up as 7 key rights:

- **The right to be safe.**
- **The right to be educated and learn.**
- **The right to be treated fairly.**
- **The right to be listened to.**
- **The right to a healthy lifestyle.**
- **The right to extra support if we need it.**
- **The right to join in cultural and artistic activities.**



Each class also has a 'class charter' - created by pupils - which outlines expectations in the classroom.



If you would like more information about the work of UNICEF or a Rights Respecting School then please visit [www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa](http://www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa).