



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL AWARD

UNICEF is a world organisation which campaigns for the Rights of the Child in every country. In this leaflet, you will find out about the language of Rights and how we will achieve it at **Ringway Primary School.**

Convention of Children's Rights.

The **convention of Children's Rights** happened in 1989. Countries in the **United Nations** drew up a **charter** for children all across the world, because children were not protected enough by government legislation and in society at that time.

Over 150 countries signed the agreement to ensure children would be protected and their basic needs met. This helped encourage a sense of **fairness** and **citizenship** across the world.



What is a Rights Respecting School?

At **Ringway Primary**, the children are learning many of their rights through their involvement with **UNICEF** and a Rights Respecting **ethos** throughout the whole school.

The children learn about the **Rights** of children all over the world.

Some examples of these include:

- ~The right to an education-**Article 28**
- ~The right to a home-**Article 27**
- ~The right to play-**Article 31**
- ~The right to nutritious food and clean water-**Article 24**
- ~The right to their family-**Article 7**

Children are in the process of developing with staff, governors and parents, classroom and school **charters** of how to act within the **classroom** and the school **environment**. Children learn to have a **mutual** respect for **Rights** and how to go about making sure children across the **world** have these **Rights** also.

Research has shown that this approach has a positive impact on children's attitude to learning, their behaviour in lessons, the respect they have for staff and each other, as well as developing positive attitudes to diversity and difference and also raising attainment. We want children at Ringway Primary to learn about their rights and feel empowered about their education.

We recognise that rights and responsibilities are equally balanced and encourage our children to take responsibility for their actions in order to develop an awareness of how they might affect the rights of others.

The aim is to help children achieve their potential and become responsible citizens.

How parents can help their children?

- Talk to your children about what rights they have
- Allow your children to take on small responsibilities at home.

- Watch the news with your children and talk about issues they may have seen or heard where the rights of others may have been violated.
- Use the language of rights and discuss how you can promote these values at home

How you could help further?

We are eager for the wider community to be involved in our Rights Respecting projects. **To support us with our active campaign to be better global citizens, please send any suggestions to g.hughes@ringway.manchester.sch.uk**

Visit www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa for more information on the rights of the child.