

Rights Respecting Schools (RRS)

Carrick Primary School aims to be a school where every child is developed holistically and children's wellbeing is a primary concern. As part of our school's aims to promote a happy and successful school, we are working towards a "**Rights Respecting School Award**" which is given to schools on behalf of UNICEF.

UNICEF is the world's leading organisation working for children and their rights. In 1989, governments worldwide promised all children the same rights by adopting **the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)**. These rights are based on what a child needs to survive, grow, participate and fulfil their potential.

The 'Rights Respecting School' award (RRSA) will help our pupils to grow into confident, caring and responsible young citizens both in school and within the wider community. While learning about their rights, our pupils also learn about the importance of respecting the rights of others and consider responsibilities.

In Carrick Primary School, pupils are encouraged to reflect on how their behaviour and actions affect those around them, which allows us to build and maintain a positive and safe learning environment for all, both in the classroom and around the school site. As part of our RRS work, in consultation with our school, charters which outline expectations in the classroom and around the school, have been rewritten in consultation with pupils and staff.

Pupils have also worked with their classmates to create their own class charters and have started developing an understanding of their rights in school.

It would be great if parents could spend a few minutes reading through the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which is printed on the back of this letter. There is also a dedicated area on our school website **www.carrickprimaryschool.com**, which houses lots of information about our Rights Respecting School Project.

We really hope that you will feel able to support us and your child in working towards our goal of being a 'Rights Respecting School'. We'd love for you to become involved.

If you would like more information about the work of UNICEF or a Rights Respecting School then please visit: <u>www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa</u>.