



All the schools in Hornbeam Academy Trust are proud to announce that they now have official

*Recognition of Commitment*

towards being a

***Rights Respecting School***

The **Rights Respecting School Award (RRSA)** is a national project of UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund.

It is an award given to schools that demonstrate a commitment to the **United Nations 'Convention on the Rights of the Child' (UNCRC)**.

Please have a look at the RRSA website for more information:

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>

Before the Summer break, the RRSA was introduced at staff meetings, governors meetings and to student representatives. We also have a small parent and staff consultation group at both Hornbeam Academy (William Morris & Brookfield House) and at Dycorts/Ravensbourne Schools.

In the coming months, some of the (54) **Children's Rights** Articles will be included in the Teachers' planning and talked about more and more **in the classroom**.

**For example**, a project on migration could refer to Article 22 (refugee children).

Taking turns to listen to others could refer to Article 13 (freedom of expression)

... and so on.

**Children's Rights** will also begin to appear in many of our **policies**, our **staff recruitment documents**, **notice boards** around the schools and on our **website**.

The **Newsletter** will also start to include references to **Children's Rights** in articles about students' work and activities.

We will be focussing on (a magnificent) **7** Articles of the **CRC Rights of the Child**:

- **Article 3 – The best interests of the child**
- **Article 12 – Respect for the views of the child**
- **Article 13 – Freedom of expression**
- **Article 19 – Protection from violence, abuse and neglect**
- **Article 23 – Children with disabilities**
- **Article 28 – Right to education**
- **Article 29 – Goals of education**



But teachers are free to refer to any of the Articles during their lessons where appropriate.

Look out for more references to **Children's Rights** and please do discuss them with your son/daughter. Please see a summary of the UNCRC attached to this Newsletter.