



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.