

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL AWARD– Features of a Classroom

Children and teachers negotiate and agree a classroom code of conduct

Children have regular opportunities to give their teachers feedback on what helps them learn and what they enjoy most about their lessons

Children are fully involved in the assessment of their own learning and the evaluation of their own work

Children have responsibility for aspects of classroom organisation

Children have opportunities to make choices in their learning

There is a strong emphasis on mutual support and collaboration

Teachers make use of a wide variety of teaching strategies and routes to learning,

Teaching assistants are valued and respected by all

Behaviour is good or improving as everyone recognises and respects the rights of all to their education

Teachers and teaching assistants model rights-respecting behavior

Displays are used to reinforce awareness of rights in relation to each other and others locally and globally

Children respect and value each other's similarities and differences and support each other

High status and adequate time is given to listening and acting on pupils' views, for example the School Council

All children make progress to the best of their abilities



For more information on UNICEF or our work as a UNICEF Rights Respecting School please visit our school website:

www.st-catherines.barnet.sch.uk

Read our Gold Award report, our weekly newsletter and the information on our Rights Respecting school page.

or visit the UNICEF website: www.unicef.org.uk

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St Catherine's is a Gold Rights Respecting School

*Loving and learning together as Jesus
taught us*

At St Catherine's we aim to achieve the best in all we do.

Every child and adult is listened to and respected.

We celebrate everyone's differences.

We help other schools achieve their goals.

We believe every child receives these rights from the day they are born!

We aim to be active global citizens and informed



RRRS GOLD AWARD

Rights Respecting Schools Award

St Catherine's has achieved the Rights Respecting Schools Gold Award (RRSA) which is run by Unicef and links to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. We wanted to achieve this status because we believe that it is fundamentally important to have children's rights at the heart of all that we do. We are one of three schools in Barnet to have been awarded the Gold Award.

RRSA at St Catherine's

St Catherine's aims to promote children's rights in school by ensuring that our young children become aware of their rights in the classroom and beyond. We believe that it is essential for children to understand their rights and, simultaneously, to respect the rights of their classmates. We are aware that young people in rights-respecting schools develop a stronger sense of the need to act for global justice. Therefore we would like to help our children accept their responsibility as members of the next generation to recognise the need for children's rights to be realised everywhere.

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is a human rights treaty that enshrines children's rights in international law. These rights define universal principles for the status and treatment of children worldwide.

The fundamental Rights of the Child include:

The right to be treated fairly (Article 2)

The right to have their best interests taken into account (Article 4)

The right to a name and nationality (Article 7)

The right to be give your opinion and for adults to listen to you (Article 12)

The right to have easy access to books and sources of information that is important to your well being (Article 17)

The right to protection from harm (Article 19)

The right to have access to good food, clean water, safe environment and medical care (Article 24)

The right to an education that develops their personality and talents to the fullest (Article 28)

The right to practise one's own culture , language and religion (Article 30)

The right to relax and play(Article 31)

The right to support and protection (Article 32)



At St Catherine's we have an 'Article of the Month' and a 'Theme of the Month'.

These are displayed in every classroom and around the school. We also share these with the whole school community via our weekly newsletter.

We promote positive global citizenship skills and foster creative and critical thinking, open-mindedness and optimism for a better world.