



Mosshead Primary



Let's Focus on ...

# Rights Based Learning



## We are becoming a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School!

Mosshead Primary aims to be a school where children's rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture, to improve well-being and to develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. As part of this plan we are working towards recognition as a '*Rights Respecting School*', an award given to schools on behalf of Unicef UK.

Unicef is the world's leading organisation working for children and young people and their rights. In 1989, governments across the world agreed that all children have the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). These rights are based on what a child needs to survive, grow, participate and fulfil their potential. On 16 March 2021, MSPs voted unanimously for the UNCRC Bill to become law in Scotland, meaning public authorities must comply with the UNCRC.

Mosshead pupils will learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day. A Rights Respecting School models rights and respect in all its relationships.

We really hope that you will support our school on our journey towards becoming a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School. It would be great if you could spend a few minutes reading through this booklet, and also find out a bit more about the Convention on the Rights of the Child by visiting [unicef.org.uk/crc](https://www.unicef.org.uk/crc).



## What is a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School?

Children and adults will learn about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) which outlines what children need to survive and thrive, becoming the best they can be and achieving their potential.

When schools get involved, the children learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day.

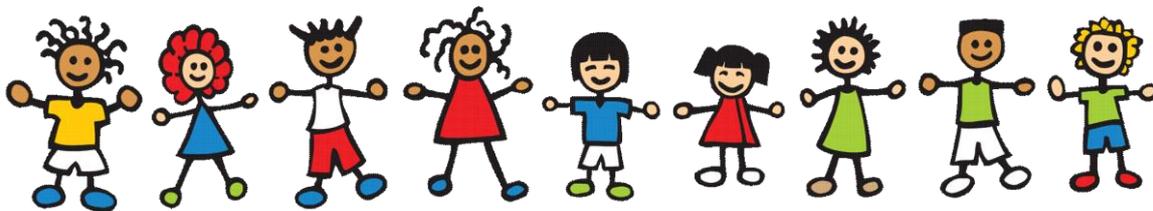
For further information about Rights Respecting Schools please visit:

[www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa](http://www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa)

## Why is this happening?

On 16 March 2021, MSPs voted unanimously for the UNCRC Bill to become law in Scotland and is now a main focus of our School Improvement Planning.

A Unicef UK Rights Respecting School models rights and respect in all its relationships, whether between adults and pupils, between pupils or between adults. It is proven to benefit everyone in the school community to grow and learn together.



## How will becoming a Rights Respecting School benefit my child(ren)?

This approach works in many schools across the country to improve well-being and develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. Headteachers from schools involved in the Award say it has improved children's and young people's respect for themselves and others and contributed to children and young people being more engaged in their learning.

Over 1.6 million children in the UK go to a Rights Respecting School and around 5,000 schools in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales are working through the Award. As a result of participation in the Rights Respecting Schools Award, children at schools who have progressed through the Award:

- Know about rights
- Can exercise their rights
- Feel valued
- Can recognise the rights of others

Knowledge of rights is central to these impacts since they not only set standards that children can expect, but also empower children to challenge when these standards are not met.

## What is the Convention on the Rights of the Child?

In 1989, governments worldwide promised all children the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Convention recognised that all children have the right to be treated with dignity and fairness, to be protected, to develop to their full potential and to participate. The rights in the Convention describe what a child needs to survive, grow, and live up to their potential in the world. They apply equally to every child, no matter who they are or where they come from.

The Convention changed the way children are viewed and treated – in other words, as human beings with a distinct set of rights instead of as passive objects of care and charity. It is the most widely ratified human rights treaty – only the United States has not ratified it. The UK signed up to it in 1991.

You can read more about it at [www.unicef.org.uk/crc](http://www.unicef.org.uk/crc)

## How can I get involved?

We hope you will support the school's journey to become a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School. Please do read about the Convention and Unicef's work to see what it's all about!

