

UNITED KINGDOM



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Rights Respecting Schools Bronze Award: Rights committed

New Woodlands is currently taking the first steps towards being accredited as a rights respecting school. The bronze award is all about making a commitment to being a rights respecting school. We will be collecting information, evaluating where we are now and planning how we will develop in the future.

What are rights?
Rights are the things you
deserve or should have just
because you exist and they
should not be taken away
from you.
The most important is the
right to life.





UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is an important, legally binding agreement signed by 196 countries (as of 12 July 2022) which outlines the fundamental rights of every child, regardless of their race, religion or abilities.

The UNCRC is the basis of all of our work. It is the most complete statement of children's rights ever produced and is the most widely-ratified international human rights treaty in history.

The Convention has 54 articles that **cover all aspects of a child's life** and set out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights. The convention is universal—these rights apply to every child and the convention entitles every child to claim them. It also explains how adults and governments must work together to make sure all children can enjoy all their rights. The following **rights are of equal importance** to every child. **Every child has the right to:**

- **Relax and play** (Article 31)
- Freedom of **expression** (Article 13)
- **Be safe** from violence (Article 19)
- An **education** (Article 28)
- Protection of **identity** (Article 8)
- **Sufficient** standard of **living** (Article 27)
- **Know** their **rights** (Article 42)
- Health and **health services** (Article 24)