



# UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award (RRSA).



## **What is the RRSA?**

The UNICEF RRSA is a UNICEF programme that aims to put children's rights at the heart of schools in the UK. The programme and accreditation are based around the 54 articles cited in UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and aim to create a world in which **all** children are **safe, happy and healthy**.

Here at William Fletcher, we have already achieved Level 1 accreditation and are proud to be working towards gaining our Level 2 certification by placing the UNCRC at the centre of our ethos and curriculum.

We believe that being a Rights Respecting School encourages our pupils to realise their own rights and potential, as well as enabling them to become advocates for children's rights all around our world. In doing so, we hope that pupils may help to tackle some of the complex issues facing our world today and in the future.

## **How do we do it?**

### **School life:**

Our RR work is embedded into our curriculum and school life. We make cross curricular links with UNCRC articles in lessons and the pupils have taken part in campaigns and events to raise awareness of the importance of children's rights. We have class charters which reference some of the articles the children feel can help to create classroom environments where everyone can learn and be safe and happy.

### **The Article 12 Committee:**

***Article 12: You have the right to give your opinion and for adults to listen and take it seriously.***

The Article 12 Committee is formed of a group of students and staff who meet to discuss issues they wish to focus on in school, campaigns they would like to be involved in, or opportunities to be advocates for children's rights in our community and beyond! We have lots of exciting things planned for this year so check back for updates about what we have been up to...

If you would be interested in learning more about Rights Respecting Schools then please do get in touch! We are always interested in hearing from members of our community who would like to be involved!