

Flanderwell Primary is a Rights Respecting School

The Rights Respecting School Award improves the lives of children in the UK by taking a whole school approach to putting children's rights at the heart of school policy and practice.

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.

Unicef have found that 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

The RRSA demonstrates impact for children and whole school communities in the following areas:

- Children learn about rights
- Children can exercise their rights
- A culture of respect across the school
- Pupil engagement – a shared sense of community and belonging
- A culture where children's voices are heard and valued
- Children take their right to an education seriously
- Global citizenship – children believe they can change the world for the better
- Children develop self-esteem and value themselves
- A school environment where children feel safe and cared for
- Adults also benefit from a rights respecting culture

Knowledge and understanding of rights is central to change in these areas since rights not only set standards that children can expect, but also empower children to challenge when these standards are not met.