

What Is a Rights Respecting School?

Rights Respecting Schools is an initiative run by UNICEF UK based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

It is a series of three levels of award that schools work towards achieving:

Bronze, Silver and Gold.

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

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child is a statement of children's rights. It has 54 articles that cover all areas of a child's life and it sets out the political, civil, economic, social and cultural rights that all children are entitled to. The Convention came into force in the UK in 1992.



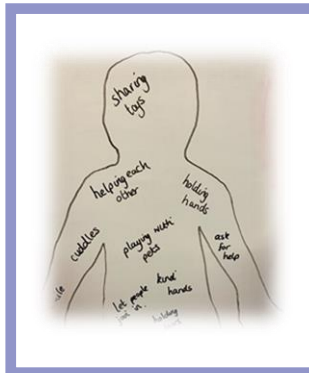
Rights Respecting Work at Antonine

A Rights Respecting School means better relationships.

In a Rights Respecting School, relationships are based on mutual respect; everyone is equal, and everyone's opinion is valued. Our Steering Group consists of children from all stages, staff, parents and other grown-ups from our local community.

A Rights Respecting School means happier children.

By actively promoting the values of respect, dignity and non-discrimination, that are at the heart of the UNCRC, children's self-esteem and wellbeing is strengthened. Many of our focus weeks are planned with our Ambassadors, aiming to improve and develop children's wellbeing and self-esteem.



A Rights Respecting School means children feel safe.

Through knowing about the UNCRC, children are able to think about how they and others are treated and challenge what they see as unfair. Our school values and policies all link directly to children's Rights. Every class creates a charter at the start of the new session with input from each child. This is a rights-based agreement which aims to support a positive learning environment for children whether this be in the classroom, across the whole school, or playground. Children regularly input into our restorative behaviour system; following direct training from the Diana Award, our Ambassadors created a child-friendly version to help promote conflict-resolution in the playground.



A Rights Respecting School means children play an active part in school life.

At Antonine children are involved in decisions being made about their learning and wellbeing. All children are consulted regularly – from designing and improving our playground, to providing ideas for our school Visions, Values and Aims.

What do schools have to do to become a Rights Respecting School?

Together adults, children and the school community learn about children's rights and put them into practice every day.

Achieving any of the Rights Respecting School awards is not just about proving that as a school we have completed a task or covered set criteria, it is about a commitment to placing the rights of the child at the centre of everything we do throughout the school and in all areas of school life.

At Antonine we have ensured children's Rights are at the heart of what we do through:

- Ambassador work which allows children direct input into decisions which affect them
- A commitment to incorporate children's rights into our teaching and learning
- Working alongside local community organisations to promote children and young people's rights on a local and global scale



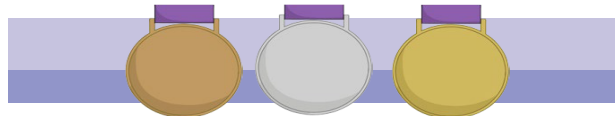
Where are we on our Journey?

The journey to receiving the Gold award can take three to four years. UNICEF UK works with schools as they work towards becoming Rights Respecting.

We began our rights journey in 2020 and quickly received our Bronze award in September that year. Since then pupils have been learning about their rights and putting them into practice every day. We focus on:

- **Teaching About Rights**
- **Teaching Through Rights**
- **Teaching For Rights**

We have now been awarded "Silver" for our rights work and are currently working towards Gold.



Please support us on our journey to becoming a Rights Respecting Silver Award School.

- Talk to your children about what they know and are learning about the UNCRC
- Keep up-to-date with our progress at @RightsPs
- We are keen for parents to join our Steering Group – this is not a huge time commitment and we would welcome your support



Antonine Primary Our journey to becoming a Rights Respecting School

**Information for
Parents and Carers**

