



14th May 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

Focus Group Invitation: Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA) 2.45pm Thursday 4th June

I am writing to invite you to a focus group, taking place at school, around the topic of the Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA). We are beginning the journey to achieving the RRSA and wish to introduce the award to you, our parents and carers, and hear your thoughts and ideas for our school.

What is the UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School Award?

The UNICEF UK RRSA is a UK-wide initiative for all children and all those working with or for children in formal education. It's an award for schools based on principles of equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation. The RRSA seeks to put the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of a school's ethos and culture to improve well-being and develop every child's talents and abilities to the full potential.

How does my school become a rights-respecting school?

Accreditation as a rights-respecting school is achieved by an external assessment process, to provide evidence that the correct standards have been met. We are currently working towards this award, but full accreditation can take multiple years to achieve.

What impact does it have on my child?

The values of a rights-respecting school improve children's self-esteem and feelings of being valued. With increased levels of respect for other pupils and staff, it provides a sense of security as rights-respecting language and behavior is used consistently throughout the school.

Furthermore, rights-respecting schools have seen improved attainment and attendance, along with a reduction in exclusions. We want our children to have an understanding and respect of religions, cultures, beliefs and abilities different to their own, and develop a deeper understanding of the world in which they live.

If you would like to join us for the focus group, taking place at **2.45pm on Thursday 4th June**, please complete and return the slip on the following page to the office by Friday 22nd May.

Kind regards

Kathryn Whalley
Year 2 Teacher / Rights and Responsibilities Lead



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RRSA Focus Group Invitation FAO Kathryn Whalley

I would like to attend the RRSA Focus Group at Oswald Road Primary School on Thursday 4th June.

Signed (Parent/Carer): _____ **Date:** _____

(Child's name: _____ **Class:** _____)



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