

# Every child has the right to be listened to and should listen to others

Can your child draw a picture of how to respect the right to be listened to and bring it in to school?

How do I respect the right to be listened to?



Every half term we focus on a different right from our 'Rights Respecting Rainbow'. This half term we have been focussing on the children's right to be listened to. In school, the children are taught that everyone's opinions matter, and that what they say is valued. We try to ensure that the children have opportunities to voice their thoughts through 'The Rainbow School Council', class circle times and our 'pegs' which enable the children to indicate to their teacher if they want to talk

about something.

How would it feel if I was not listened to?

What makes a good listener?

This right is stated in 'The United Nations Convention for the Rights of the Child'. The convention encourages adults to listen to the opinions of children and involve them in decision-making.

This is not to say that children have more influence over decision-making than adults, but that they have an input on things that affect their lives.

***"I can have my say but I can't always have my way."***