



The Gattons Infant School



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We are proud to have achieved UNICEF's Level 2 'Rights Respecting Schools Award' (RRSA). This is a national award that promotes the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), a convention recognised by all but two countries in the world. There are a large number of schools across the country who are working towards this award.

The Rights Respecting Schools programme teaches children about 'The Rights of the Child', which were originally laid down by the United Nations. It encourages children to understand that all over the world children have the same rights. They learn that these rights can be met in different ways and that, unfortunately, some children's rights are not being met.

At The Gattons children learn that they have a responsibility to respect and uphold their rights and those of other children. They also learn how wants differ from needs. Most importantly, they learn that it is their needs that correspond to their rights, not their wants.

As a school we have created a School Charter, which the children played an integral part in establishing. This is called 'Our Rights Respecting Rainbow' (see overleaf). It focuses on the rights of the child and the responsibilities associated with those rights. The rights on our rainbow are taken from some of the articles in the UNCRC. We have chosen a rainbow as our rights respecting symbol so that each right and responsibility can be associated with one colour from the rainbow.

'Our Rights Respecting Rainbow' forms an integral part of our Behaviour Policy throughout the school. Every Friday we hold a Celebration Assembly when children who have been chosen for behaving in a responsible way by respecting their own rights or the rights of others are awarded a special 'leaf' to hang on our 'Thank you tree'. If your child is chosen you will be invited to attend this special assembly.

