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Dear Parents and Carers

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL AWARD

You may have heard your child recently talk about their rights and how they can respect these. In class we have been discussing the 'articles' explaining the children's rights. The children, with their teachers, have developed their own class charters setting out the rights they feel are important to them.

UNICEF is the world's leading organisation working for children and their rights. In 1989, governments worldwide promised all children the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. These rights are based on what a child needs to survive, grow, participate and fulfil their potential.

At Petworth C of E School, in common with a growing number of schools nationally and locally, we have committed to building a sustainable 'rights respecting environment'. The school will effectively promote the values and principles of the '**United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child**' and use it to underpin our vision for school improvement. Policies and practice will be reviewed in due course with reference to the convention. Above all else the best interests of our children are a top priority in all our actions.

We are developing this approach to build upon our values-based learning, continue our positive cultural development at Petworth C of E School and create an even more harmonious and open atmosphere where everyone involved in the school will be respectful of each other and understand the responsibilities they have to one another and themselves.

We are currently working on our 'Recognition of Commitment' (ROC) and we will then work towards a Level 1 award.

Yours sincerely,

Ella Whitchurch
Maple Class Teacher