



Our school achieved the UNICEF Rights Respecting School Level 1 award in December 2016. We believe that a child is a citizen with rights. Our school is a place where children's rights are: learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted.

**Article 28 Right to Education** Every child has the right to an education. At our school we offer free early education 15 hours per week for all children aged 3 and 4. We offer 30 hours for qualifying working parents and free 15 hours for children aged two that meet certain criteria.

**Article 29 Goals for Education** Education at our school must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. We believe in a 'Respect for Childhood.' Our child is a unique, sociable, creative, independent, confident communicator who has a feeling of belonging. We offer a place where 'roots' and 'wings' are grown and 'feelings matter.' We want our children to know where home is, value 'family' and spread their wings. Our child is a citizen with rights. We aim to support children to learn about rights, learn through rights and learn for rights, in a place where children's rights are learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted. We link our planning to the articles.

**Article 24 Health and Health services** Every child has the right to the best possible health. At our school our children have access to drinking water and fruit at snack time. Children and parents have regular opportunities to learn about healthy foods and lifestyles through cooking, gardening, outdoor Nursery, forest school and weaning and oral health activities. We complete Development checks for 2 year olds and liaise closely with health visitors to support our children.

**Article 2 Non-discrimination** Our school is committed to providing equality of opportunity and anti-oppressive practice for all children and families. At our school we welcome everyone and respect each other's sex (gender), race, disability, religion or belief, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, pregnancy or maternity.

**Article 19 Protection from violence, abuse and neglect** Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all children and expects our staff, volunteers and students to share this commitment. At our school safeguarding children is the responsibility of everyone. Our Designated Safeguarding Leadership team works together to problem-solve, make decisions and manage risk. All practitioners access professional development opportunities to ensure there is a cycle of continuous improvement in practice.

**Article 3 Best interests of the child** The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children. At our school our curriculum is child-centred and based on children's interests and learning needs. Each child & family has a named key person who acts as a champion for child & parent. We work in partnerships with parents. Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the well-being of all children. At our school safeguarding children is the responsibility of everyone. Sometimes this might mean that we will need to share information with external agencies to ensure children's safety.