

THE FOUR STANDARDS OF THE RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS AWARD



Standard A: Rights-respecting values underpin leadership and management

The best interests of the child are a top priority in all actions. Leaders are committed to placing the values and principles of the Convention at the heart of all policies and practice.

(Criteria 1 - 5 are actioned and delivered by the school's leadership/management.)

	REQUIREMENTS AT LEVEL 1	REQUIREMENTS AT LEVEL 2
1	The school uses RRSA to underpin its vision for school improvement.	Rights-respecting values and an understanding of global citizenship and sustainability inform all practice. Impact on the wellbeing, achievement and progress of young people is high.
2	Becoming a sustainable Rights Respecting School is included in the school's strategic planning. Policies and practices are reviewed with reference to the Convention.	Developing as a Rights Respecting School is an integral part of the school's strategic planning and review arrangements.
3	The school promotes the values and principles of the Convention effectively.	The school has an inclusive and participatory ethos based on the Convention.
4	The school uses the Convention to inform and add value to its work within the school and local communities.	The Convention underpins the school's actions to share good practice with other schools and communities. The school is an ambassador for the RRSA. This has a beneficial impact within its local community and beyond.
5	School leadership promotes global citizenship and sustainable development, guided by the values and principles of the Convention.	School leadership ensures that global citizenship and sustainable development guided by the values and principles of the Convention is a priority.

Standard B: The whole school community learns about the Convention

The Convention is made known to children and adults, who use this shared understanding to work for global justice and sustainable living.

	REQUIREMENTS AT LEVEL 1	REQUIREMENTS AT LEVEL 2
6	Most staff and young people are aware of some of the articles of the Convention.	Nearly all of young people and staff have a good understanding of the articles of the Convention. Young people and staff are ambassadors for rights when talking to others.
7	Parents/carers and governors have been given information about the Convention and why the school is working towards the RRSA.	Most parents/carers and governors know about the Convention and the school provides opportunities to contribute to the school's development as a Rights Respecting School.
8	Assemblies, displays and at least two curriculum areas provide effective opportunities for learning about the Convention.	Nearly all curriculum areas provide rich opportunities for high quality learning about the Convention and wider personal development and wellbeing.
9	The Convention is included in teaching and learning about all citizenship matters, including global citizenship and sustainable development.	The Convention is embedded in teaching and learning about global citizenship and sustainable development.

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Standard C: The school has a rights-respecting ethos

Young people and adults collaborate to develop and maintain a rights-respecting school community in all areas and in all aspects of life based on the Convention.

	REQUIREMENTS AT LEVEL 1	REQUIREMENTS AT LEVEL 2
10	Charters or agreements based on the Convention, which help everyone to understand rights, are introduced into all classrooms and the wider school.	Charters or agreements have created a whole-school ethos based on mutual respect for rights in which a traditional structure of rules is rarely required.
11	Nearly all classroom practitioners and a majority of support staff model rights-respecting language and attitudes.	Rights-respecting language and attitudes are established throughout the whole school.
12	The majority of young people and adults adhere to the standards agreed in their charters.	Young people and adults demonstrate respect for the right of others to learn. Young people's attitudes are thoughtful and create a positive learning ethos in nearly all lessons.
13	Young people and adults in the school learn how the values and principles of the Convention help to create a safe and healthy environment. Nearly all young people say they usually feel safe at school.	The whole-school community understands how the values and principles of the Convention help to create a safe and healthy environment. Nearly all young people say they feel safe at school at all times.
14	The majority of young people and adults respect each others' needs and interests and make responsible and reasoned judgements on moral dilemmas.	Nearly all young people and adults attempt to resolve conflicts and seek consensus while accepting the rights of others to hold different opinions and beliefs.
15	Young people and adults use the values and language of the Convention to help them become rights-respecting global citizens.	The values and language of the Convention help all young people and adults become rights-respecting global citizens.

Standard D: Children are empowered to become active citizens and learners

Every child has the right to say what they think in all matters affecting them and to have their views taken seriously. Young people develop their confidence through their experience of an inclusive rights-respecting school community, play an active role in their own learning and speak and act for the rights of all to be respected locally and globally.

	REQUIREMENTS AT LEVEL 1	REQUIREMENTS AT LEVEL 2
16	Most young people hold clear views about their learning and wellbeing. They are encouraged and supported to express their views appropriately and are involved in decisions that affect their lives in school.	Nearly all children and young people have a strong voice in decisions affecting their lives in school.
17	Young people have access to information that enables them to make informed decisions about their learning, health and wellbeing.	Young people are empowered to access information that enables them to make informed decisions about their learning, health and wellbeing.
18	Some children are involved in taking action to improve the lives of children locally and globally.	Interaction in the community locally and globally is substantial, highly valued and effective.