

# Rights Respecting School Award

At St Helen Auckland Community Primary School we are working towards being reaccredited our Level 1 Rights Respecting School Award.

The Rights Respecting School Award is based on the Unicef United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Children's rights are at the centre of our everyday practise at St Helen Auckland Primary School, teaching children both the importance of knowing their rights and respecting those of others. This is being promoted through class charters, whole school charters and playground



charters. These charters have been designed and agreed by the children themselves. It involved discussing the issues and rights which are occasionally taken away in school and deciding on promises, for both adults and children in school, to ensure every pupil has their rights met. Pupil voice is taken very seriously by staff and the Head Teacher and pupils are involved in important decision making in school. For example, interviewing teaching and Deputy Head candidates and deciding when to fund raise and for which charity.

At a community level, children are encouraged to support each other to resolve any conflicts through playtime buddies and anti-bullying ambassadors. Children regularly receive a Citizen of the Week Award for carrying out acts of kindness or for helping others, often nominated by other pupils, staff and even parents and carers. Children are also involved in many community projects, which often result in fund raising for a positive impact on the rights of others.

Staff and children alike are continuing to work on raising the profile of Children's Rights in school, in our local community and globally through our Right Respecting work. We look forward to sharing our latest projects soon!

You can read more about the Unicef Rights Respecting School Award at <http://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>