

RRSA Curriculum Intent



The Rights Respecting Schools Award puts children's rights at the heart of The Oaks School.

The aim of the award is to ensure pupils feel safe, inspired and respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive. Our Rights Respecting Schools Award embeds these values in daily school life and gives children the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens.

Using the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) as our guide, we aim to embed children's human rights in our ethos and culture. The award recognises achievement in putting the UN Convention on the Right of the Child (UNCRC) at the heart of our school's practice to improve well-being and help all our young people realise their potential.

The award is based on principles of equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation. We at The Oaks School achieved our Silver Award in 2017 and are working towards achieving Gold. We believe that learning about the rights of children and understanding the rights of others has a positive impact on relationships, behaviour and well-being in our school. It allows us to focus on a range of topics that nurture and develop skills to encourage our young people to respect those around them, practice empathy and kindness and raise awareness of the world we live in.

Pupils learn about the Convention of Rights for Children weekly in family groups. These lessons allow pupils of all ages and abilities to work together on topics such as food and water shortage, refugee children, minority groups, exploitation, war, identity and many others. These lessons enable our pupils to make informed decisions and to grow into confident, active and empowered citizens. As well as discussing these topics, pupils participate in community work, charitable events and are encouraged to make positive changes in their own communities. Through our work we have found the main areas of impact include:

Improved self-esteem and well-being

Improved relationships and behaviour

Positive attitudes towards diversity in society and the reduction of prejudice

Enhanced moral understanding

Support for global justice

Students become more involved in decision-making.