



Understanding the UNCRC

What it means for Children in Scotland

What is the UNCRC?

- The UNCRC is a global agreement with 54 articles that protect the rights of all children and young people under 18, ensuring they are treated fairly and with respect.
- The UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 brings these rights into Scots law, making them legally enforceable across the country.
- Public bodies like schools and councils must now actively uphold children's rights in everything they do, from policies to daily decisions.

Key Rights every Child has:

- To be heard - adults must listen and take children's views seriously.
- To learn and achieve - education should help every child reach their potential.
- To be safe and cared for - protection from harm, neglect, and abuse.
- To have a family life - to be loved, supported, and not separated unless necessary.
- To be treated fairly - without discrimination of any kind.
- To play, rest, and relax - play and leisure are essential rights, not extras!

What This Means for Parents and Carers

- You can ask our school how we are promoting and protecting children's rights.
- You can support your child to understand their rights and share their views.
- Together, we can build a culture where children's rights are part of everyday life: at home, in school, and in the community.

Our School's Commitment

At St Serf's Primary School, we are proud to be working towards our Silver Rights Respecting School Award with UNICEF UK.

This means we are building a school community based on respect, dignity, equality and participation, where *every child* knows and enjoys their rights

Find out more

- [Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland](#)
- [Scottish Government - Children's Rights](#)
- [UNICEF UK - Rights Respecting Schools](#)



