UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

What is a Rights Respecting School?

A rights respecting school is a school that understands the importance of children having rights. This would mean schools agree that children can grow to be as healthy as possible, are protected, can be educated, have their views listened to and are treated fairly.

*What does Eastwood High do?*

In this area, the school does well. Eastwood high school has a human rights group and charities committee. They also do a yearly shoe box collection and bag pack appeals. Eastwood gives a chance for all pupils to celebrate their achievements and they have a monthly newsletter. This year, Eastwood have created pupil ambassadors to enhance the pupil voice and lead parts of the RRS Agenda.

*Why Eastwood aims to be rights respected*

Eastwood wants to achieve the rights respecting award to show the public the importance of child rights. It aims to improve self-esteem and wellbeing among pupils. It also hopes that this encourages positive attitude and develops their moral understanding.

*How Eastwood hopes to become a Rights Respecting School*

To achieve this award, Eastwood high school needs to understand the 54 rights of a child. Then they must form an approach to rights respecting behaviours and language to spread positivity within the school. There are assemblies held within the school to share further understanding, the difference between wants and needs, children’s rights, UNCRC and the rights respecting schools award. Pupils are given a chance to analyse the rights and the rights respecting language in their PSE lessons. They also aim to expand this within different subjects in the school.

Here are some of the many articles:

* Article 2- The convention applies to everyone: whatever their race, religion or abilities, whatever they think or say, whatever type of family they come from.
* Article 12- Every child has the right to have a say in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously.
* Article 15- Every child has a right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.