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Dear Parent / Guardian

Newmains Primary School and Nursery Class aims to be a place where every aspect of a child is focused on and developed, including the area of well being. As part of our work in *'trying our best to ensure everyone achieves success'* we aim to develop and recognise respectful behaviours within our school, an approach which embraces the principles of UNICEF's Rights Respecting School's programme.

UNICEF is the world's leading organisation working for children and their rights. In 1989, governments worldwide promised all children the same rights by adopting **the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)**. These rights are based on what a child needs to survive, grow, participate and fulfil their potential.

Developing as a 'Rights Respecting School' will help our pupils to grow into confident, caring and responsible young citizens both in school and within the wider community. By learning about their rights our pupils, your children, also learn about the importance of respecting the rights of others and being responsible for their actions.

Newmains Primary School and Nursery Class pupils are encouraged to reflect on how their behaviours and actions affect those around them, which allows us to build and maintain a positive and safe learning environment for all, both in the classroom and around the school. Through consultation with pupils and staff, our school rules and expectations have been re-written in the form of classroom charters, which outline expectations in the classroom and the school as a whole. Our Golden Activity Time structure has changed to focus on earning rewards and our class awards have been redrafted through consultation with the Pupil Council and now include a Teacher Super Star Award and a Pupil Idol Award for each of the school rules. Pupils have had the opportunity to discuss and implement their charters and are working with the new rewards structure. The children are currently in the process of developing an understanding of their rights and responsibilities and we would now like to share this with you.

It would be great if you could spend a few minutes reading through the **Working in Partnership with Parents** leaflet that was issued with this letter and also the *Convention on the Rights of the Child*, which is printed on the back of this letter. There is a dedicated Notice board within the school reception area and going forward information will be available on the School website and blog which is currently under construction.

We very much hope that you will continue to support us and your child in working towards our goal of being a 'Rights Respecting School'. Miss Gray and the Pupil Council will be delighted to hear about any ideas you may have to support us in achieving our goal.

Yours faithfully

Miss K Gray  
Principal Teacher