

# RIGHT RESPECTING WORK AT FELPHAM

## WHAT IS RRSA

At Felpham Community College, the UNCRC underpins much of what we do here. From informing our policies and practice, to forming the basis of our school charter, it is more than a document to be pinned on classroom walls.

Students are taught about their rights and given opportunities to take action to secure and support the rights of others. Encouraging our students to become 'active citizens' carrying on their positive work beyond their time at Felpham. As a testament to this work, Felpham achieved the UNICEF Gold RRSA school status

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“A Rights Respecting School is a community where children’s rights are learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted”.

Rights respecting schools put the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) at the heart of the school’s planning, policies, practice and ethos. For schools to gain a Rights Respecting status they must not only teach about the convention but model rights and respect as well as create a supportive and inclusive community.



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## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS ?



- All students have a good knowledge of their rights and understand how to exercise and protect them.
- Students can attend an environment where they are safe, valued and respected.
- Schools develop a culture of respect where everyone's voice is heard and valid.
- Students can develop greater self-esteem and confidence.
- All students gain an awareness of community and global issues and learn how to take action to change the world for the better meaning they can become active citizens.
- The school has a culture of inclusion with reduced incidents of bullying and prejudice, and the key rights concepts are at the heart of the school and its policies and practices.
- There is increased engagement and create a sense of community and belonging.



The rights-respecting work that takes place across the school is diverse and allows our students to get involved in a variety of ways

Examples of the rights-respecting work we have done include the Purple for Polio campaign, workshops on issues such as the right to education, our acts of craftivism, green projects and setting up areas to support UK wildlife, volunteering opportunities in care homes and local organisations, raising money in charity week and sponsoring children in Nepal to allow them to get an education.

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