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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: Our School's Participation in the UNICEF UK Rights Respecting Schools Award

We are pleased to inform you that Stopsley High School is beginning an exciting journey by working towards becoming a UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School.

The Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA) is an initiative run by UNICEF UK, which encourages schools across the country to place the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) at the heart of their ethos and curriculum. The aim is to help schools become environments where children's rights are learned, respected, and actively promoted.

By embedding these rights into daily school life, we aim to:

- Improve wellbeing and relationships among students and staff.
- Foster a stronger sense of equality, respect, and inclusion.
- Encourage students to become confident, active, and responsible global citizens.

This initiative supports our existing values and complements our commitment to providing a safe, respectful, and empowering environment for all students. It also encourages young people to understand their rights and the rights of others, helping to build a stronger school community.

You may begin to notice some changes in school life as we work towards our first accreditation – Recognition of Commitment. These changes might include:

- Increased discussion about children's rights in tutor time and assemblies.
- Displays and resources around the school focused on rights and responsibilities.
- Further student participation in decision-making and school improvement.

We will keep you updated as we progress through the award stages, and we welcome your support in reinforcing these values at home.

If you would like to learn more about the Rights Respecting Schools Award, you can visit the UNICEF UK website: The Rights Respecting Schools Award | UNICEF UK

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs P Whiting

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