



**ALEC REED
ACADEMY**
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**A RIGHTS RESPECTING
SCHOOL**

Over the past few months, students at Alec Reed Academy have been introduced to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, championed by UNICEF. It has been part of UK law since 1992 and is designed to protect the human rights specific to children. A summary of the Convention is attached.

Under the Convention, the rights of the child and the rights of families are protected and any organisation that is funded by the government, such as the police, courts and schools, must abide by the articles.

The Academy is currently working toward recognition as a children's Rights Respecting School. In addition to providing a framework for students to learn about their own rights, it also allows them to consider how their actions might affect the rights of others.

Over the coming months school policies and practice will be reviewed with reference to the various articles. Staff and Governors are receiving training on all aspects of the Convention. We will keep you informed on the Academy's progress in their application.

If you would like further information about the award it can be found online at: www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa

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FACT SHEET: A summary of the rights under the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 1

Convention applies to everyone under the age of 18

Article 2

The Convention is non-discriminatory

Article 3

The best interests of the child are the primary concern

Article 4

Governments have primary responsibility for ensuring the Convention

Article 5

Governments should respect the right and responsibilities of parents

Article 6

Children have the right to life

Article 7/8

The right to a name, nationality and identity

Article 9

The right to live with parents unless this puts them at risk

Article 10

Families under enforced separation should be allowed to re-unite as quickly as possible

Article 11

The right to protection from kidnap, including parental

Article 12

The right to have a child's views respected and taken into account

Article 13

The right to freedom of expression, as long as this would not be damaging

Article 14

The right to freedom of thought, religion and conscience

Article 15

Freedom of association providing this does not damage their own, or other people's rights

Article 16

The right to privacy

Article 17

The right to access information

Article 18

The right to responsible parenting, supported by government

Article 19

The right to protection from violence

Article 20

The right to proper care if deprived of a family

Article 21

The right to proper care if adopted or fostered

Article 22

Right to special protection if a refugee

Article 23

Disabled children have the right to additional support

Article 24

The right to healthcare, food, water and a safe environment

Article 25

The right to regular review if living in care

Article 26

The right to government help if in poverty

Article 27

The right to a reasonable standard of living, supported by government

Article 28

The right to an education which is free and respects the child's dignity

Article 29

The right to an education which develop a child's personality, attributes and talents

Article 30

The right to learn about a child's religion, culture and language

Article 31

The right to play and leisure time

Article 32

The right to protection from child labour

Article 33

The right to protection from drugs and the drugs trade

Article 34

The right to protection from sexual exploitation and abuse

Article 35

The right to protection from child trafficking

Article 36

The right to protection from other forms of exploitation

Article 37

The right to protection from cruel or harmful punishment or detention

Article 38

The right to protection during times of war

Article 39

The right to support for children who have been neglected, abused or exploited

Article 40

The right to legal aid and support in the criminal justice system

Article 41

If the laws of member states are superior to the articles in the convention, the country's laws should apply

Article 42

The right to education about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Articles 43-54

Articles discussing implementation of these rights

“Every child,
no matter who they
are or where they live,
has the right to grow
up safe, happy and
healthy”

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