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St Paul's CE Primary in Withington receives prestigious UNICEF UK Gold Award

St Paul's CE Primary school in Withington has been awarded Gold by [UNICEF UK's Rights Respecting School](#) programme.

UNICEF is the world's leading organisation working for children and their rights. The Rights Respecting Schools Award is granted to schools that show commitment to promoting and realising children's rights and encouraging adults, children and young people to respect the rights of others in school. Gold is the highest accolade given by UNICEF UK and shows a deep and thorough commitment to children's rights at all levels of school life. There are over 600 schools across England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales that have received Gold.

Miss Lee, Headteacher of St Paul's said: " We are delighted to receive this reward. As a Gold Rights Respecting School we now have an ethos and culture of rights and respect at the heart of everything we do which has had the impact of raising children's well-being, participation, relationships and self-esteem. It's a wonderful school to be a part of. Thank you to the children and staff of St Paul's for being on board with our Rights Respecting journey"

The Award recognises achievement in putting the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child at the heart of a school's planning, policies and practice. A Rights Respecting School is a community where children's rights are learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted.

The [UNICEF UK Rights Respecting Schools](#) initiative is aimed at schools across the UK, including those in an early years setting. Currently, it works with nearly 5,000 primary schools, secondary schools, schools for children and young people with special educational needs and pupil referral units across England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Schools have reported a positive impact on pupil behaviour, relationships and well-being by enhancing pupils' self-esteem, leading to less truancy and bullying, better learning and improved academic standards.

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