

Child Rights School Programme – information for parents in easy language

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Dear Parents and Legal Guardians,

Schools are special places for children where they learn to read and write. They gain life experience – make friends, experience success and sometimes disappointment.

Girls and boys spend a lot of time in their school.

That is why it is important that they do well there:

- Children should feel comfortable at school
- It is important that adults listen to them, and
- Children need to be protected and safe at school.

Your child's school wants to do even better at all of this now. That is what the teachers and the school management have set out to do. UNICEF is helping them do that.

Your daughter or son will soon learn more about children's rights at school. These particular rights apply to all girls and boys – in Germany and worldwide. They are collected in one document: the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

At school, adults will also encourage your child to put his or her right into practice: Express its opinion and be taken seriously by teachers. Your child should have a say and a say in decisions. It is important that the children, their classmates and teachers listen and treat each other with respect. This makes learning more fun and easier.

What can you do? Ask your child about children's rights. Talk to him or her about them. For example, ask: What have you heard about children's rights? Or: Which right do you think is especially important?

You can support your school by filling in the attached questionnaire. Please hand it in at your child's school. Thank you!



Yours sincerely,
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What is the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child?

The Convention contains all the rights of children. Worldwide, almost all countries have signed it. They promised to stand up for children and their rights. In total, there are 54 articles in the Convention. It says

- All children are equal, no matter of their gender, origin or skin colour
- Children's well-being is important. Every girl and every boy worldwide must be promoted in their development as much as possible.
- Children have the right to live and develop well
- Children's opinions must be taken seriously.

Do you have any further questions? If so, please get in touch at kinderrechteschulen@unicef.de

For further information on the programme visit unicef.de/kinderrechteschulen.

Please

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Thank you!