



The Rights of the Child.

In line with, The United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), Peter Rabbit Nursery believes that all children have basic needs, and it is their **universal right** to have these met to ensure each child in the world can develop to their full potential.

The UNCRC is an international agreement that protects the rights of the children and provides a child-centred framework for the development services for children. At Peter Rabbit Nursery, we put the “Rights of the Child” at the centre of our planning. We reflect the needs of all children within the setting and enable them to enjoy their rights with a growing understanding of how they can help others to access their rights.

The UNCRC is separated into 54 “articles”. Out of the 54, 12 are particularly relevant for early years practitioners working with children.

At Peter Rabbit Nursery we

Support every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background. **article 2** (non-discrimination)

The best interests of the child is a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children. **article 3** (best interests of the child)

Every child at Peter Rabbit Nursery has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. **article 12** (respect for the views of the child)

Every child is free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law. **article 13** (freedom of expression)

Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. **article 14** (freedom of thought, belief and religion)

Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources (including media), information should be provided in a way that children can understand. Children should be protected from materials that could harm them. **article 17** (access to information from the media)

At Peter Rabbit Nursery, we will do all we can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them. **article 19** (protection from violence, abuse and neglect)

Every child has the right to an education. Discipline at Peter Rabbit Nursery will respect children's dignity and their rights. **article 28** (right to education)

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. Peter Rabbit Nursery encourages the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.
article 29 (goals of education)

Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities. **article 31** (leisure, play and culture)

The Early Years Inspection Handbook says that settings should:

- Actively promote equality and diversity
- Actively promote British Values
- Narrow any gaps in outcomes between different groups of children
- Tackle poor behaviour towards others, including bullying and discrimination

ALL children have the right to freedom of expression (article 13) which includes the right to share information in any way they choose, including by talking, drawing or writing.