

PRESS RELEASE

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Garlinge Primary School and Nursery receives Unicef UK Award

Garlinge Primary School and Nursery in Margate is to be awarded a Level 1 Rights Respecting School Award by Unicef UK.

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. The Level 1 Award is given to schools that make good progress towards embedding the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into its ethos and curriculum. There are over 1000 schools across England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales that have received the Level 1 Award, and over 300 schools that have been awarded a Level 2 Award, the next step up and highest accolade granted by Unicef UK.

Headteacher of Garlinge Primary School and Nursery, Mr Williams said, 'The gaining of the Level 1 Award has been the culmination of a lot of hard work from our pupils, staff and Governors. It has been interesting for our pupils to understand the different rights that children from across the world have as well as to ensure that they act responsibly when thinking about their own rights. This process has been very useful for the school and we look forward to the challenges that await when attempting to go for Level 2 status.'

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.