

## Rights Respecting Schools Award

### Putting children's rights at the heart of schools

- Unicef works with schools to create safe and inspiring places to learn where children are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive. The rights respecting schools award (RRSA) ensures that these values are being displayed in everyday life by everyone connected to the school which gives all children and young people the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives.
- The RSSA recognises a schools effort to put the UN Convention for the rights of the child (UNCRC) into practice. It is categorised into 3 award levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold.
- The Bronze level award – Rights Committed – is the first stage of the award and builds the foundation for moving onto the next level. At this stage schools begin to make children and young people aware of their rights.
- The Silver level award – Rights Aware – is the second stage and is achieved when schools are able to demonstrate that the UNCRC is being used and understood throughout the school.
- The Gold level award – Rights Respecting – is the highest stage of the RRSA. It is awarded to schools that can demonstrate that children's rights are fully implemented throughout the school and all of its policies and practice.

### What does this mean for Schools in East Ayrshire?

The chart below outlines the percentage of schools in East Ayrshire, 41 Primary Schools and 8 Secondary Schools, that have achieved each level of the Rights Respecting Schools Award.

The aim is for all schools in East Ayrshire to be recognised at Bronze level by 2023.

