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**RIGHTS  
RESPECTING  
SCHOOLS**

What is **UNICEF**?

- **UNICEF** is a charity.
- **UNICEF** works to make the world a happy and enjoyable place for ALL children.
- **UNICEF** works in places all over the world to help children enjoy their rights.

# What is a **Right**?

- A **right** is something that a person is entitled to and **needs**, not something a person **wants**.
- In **1989** Governments around the world made a promise to ALL children. They promised they would help ALL children enjoy the same **rights**.
- A special document called the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child**.
- This document has **54 Rights (articles)** inside.

5 main focus areas of the **Rights**.

The 54 Rights have 5 main areas of focus:

1. ALL children have the right to an **education**.
2. ALL children have the right to be **healthy**.
3. ALL children have the right to a **childhood**.
4. ALL children have the right to be treated **fairly**.
5. ALL children have the right to be **heard**.

Who is **responsible**?

- **Adults** are responsible for providing the things children need.
- We are **all** responsible.
- Everyone can enjoy their rights if we all take **responsibility**.

# KNOW OUR RIGHTS AND ... RESPECT OUR RIGHTS

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) wrote this entitlement: a list of rights for all children around the World.



## ARTICLE 1 + 22:

Every child and young person under 18 has these rights. Refugee children have the same rights as any other child.

## ME:

### Article 2:

I have these rights regardless of my faith, my gender, my race, my age, my ability or my background.

### Article 3:

My best interests must be a top priority in all things that affect me.

### Article 6:

I have the right to life and to succeed to the best of my ability.

### Article 9:

I have the right to be with carers or parents if this is what's best for me.

## ADULTS WHO LOOK AFTER ME:

### Article 18:

I have the right that my Carers share responsibility for bringing me up and they should always think about what is best for me.

### Article 27:

I have the right to a good standard of living so that my physical, social and mental needs are met.

### Article 36+ 19:

I have the right to be protected from all forms of abuse or bad treatment of any kind. I have the right to be protected from all forms of violence and be kept safe.

### Article 24:

I have the right to nutritious food, clean water, a clean environment and to see a doctor if I am ill.

### Article 28 + 29:

I have the right to learn and go to school and be educated - with no cost. Education must develop me as a person together with my ability - so I become the best that I can be.

### Article 12:

I have the right to voice my opinion and be listened to.

### Article 13:

I have the right to ask questions and to be given information.

### Article 7 + 30:

I have the right to a name, a nationality, to know who my parents are and to be cared for. I have the right to learn and use my own language.

### Article 39:

I have the right to get special help if I have been mistreated.

### Article 33:

I have the right to be protected from the use of illegal drugs.

### Article 37 + 40 + 32:

I have the right to be treated fairly if I break rules or laws. I have the right to legal help if I have been accused of breaking the law. I have the right to be protected from work that is dangerous.

### Article 15 + 31:

I have the right to meet with friends and join groups and clubs.

I have the right to relax, play and take part in a range of activities.

### Article 20+ 16:

I have the right to be looked after properly and respected, whoever I live with. I have the right to privacy.

### Article 17:

I have the right to be given safe and honest information that I can understand, from newspapers, television and the radio.

### Article 23:

I have the right to special care and support if am disabled, enabling me to play an active part in my community.

## GOVERNMENTS:

### Article 38:

I have the right to be protected during a war and not allowed to fight or become involved.

### Article 42 + 4:

Governments must let all children and adults know about these rights and make sure that all these rights are available to me.

### Article 8 + 34 + 35 + 11:

Governments must respect my right to a name, nationality and family; should protect me from sexual abuse and exploitation and must ensure I am not abducted or sold - or taken out of the country illegally.

### Article 14:

I have the right to follow my own religion.

### Article 25 + 10:

If I am not living with my family I should be checked on regularly to make sure I am well and happy and flourishing. I have the right to see my family if they live in another country.

### Article 21:

If I am adopted, I have the right to live in the best place for me to be safe, grow and develop and be happy.



### Article 5:

Governments must respect the decisions made by carers if that is what's best for me.

### Article 26:

I have the right to extra money from my government if my family hasn't enough to live on.

### Article 41:

Governments must use the laws of my country and all these rights to best protect me.



## Articles the school will focus on.

- **Article 3**
  - All adults should do what is best for you. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children.
- **Article 12**
  - You have the right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.
- **Article 13**
  - You have the right to find out things and share what you think with others, by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms or offends other people.
- **Article 14**
  - You have the right to choose your own religion and beliefs. Your parents should help you decide what is right and wrong, and what is best for you.
- **Article 15**
  - You have the right to choose your own friends and join or set up groups, as long as it isn't harmful to others.
- **Article 16**
  - You have the right to privacy.

# Articles the school will focus on.

## Article 17

- You have the right to get information that is important to your well-being, from radio, newspaper, books, computers and other sources.
- Adults should make sure that the information you are getting is not harmful, and help you find and understand the information you need.

## Article 19

- You have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, in body or mind.

## Article 24

- You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay well.

## Article 27

- You have the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and to have your basic needs met.
- You should not be disadvantaged so that you can't do many of the things other kids can do.

## Article 28

- You have the right to a good quality education.
- You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

## Article 29

- Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.



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## **Article 37**

- No one is allowed to punish you in a cruel or harmful way.

## **Article 39**

- You have the right to help if you've been hurt, neglected or badly treated.

## **Article 42**

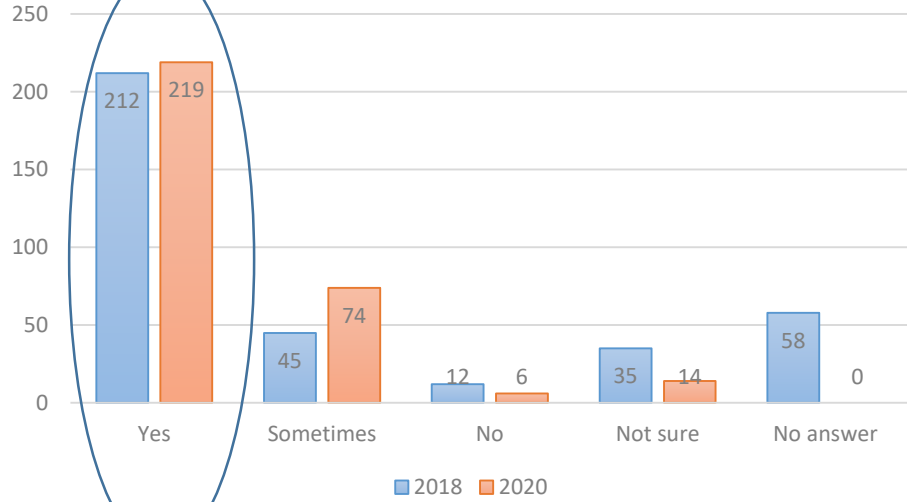
- You have the right to know your rights!
- Adults should know about these rights and help you learn about them, too.

## Article 13

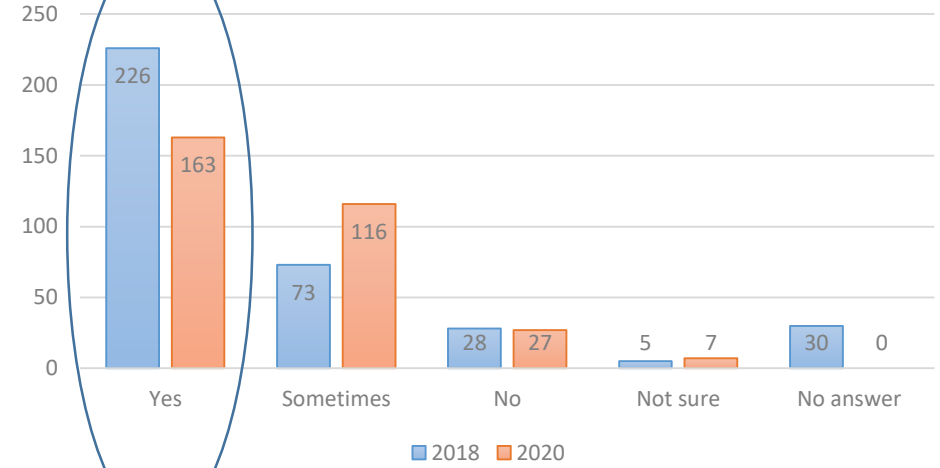
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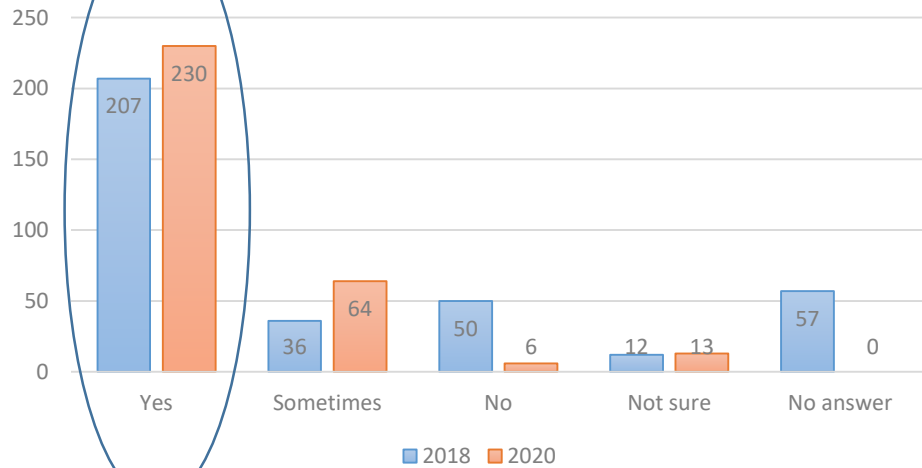
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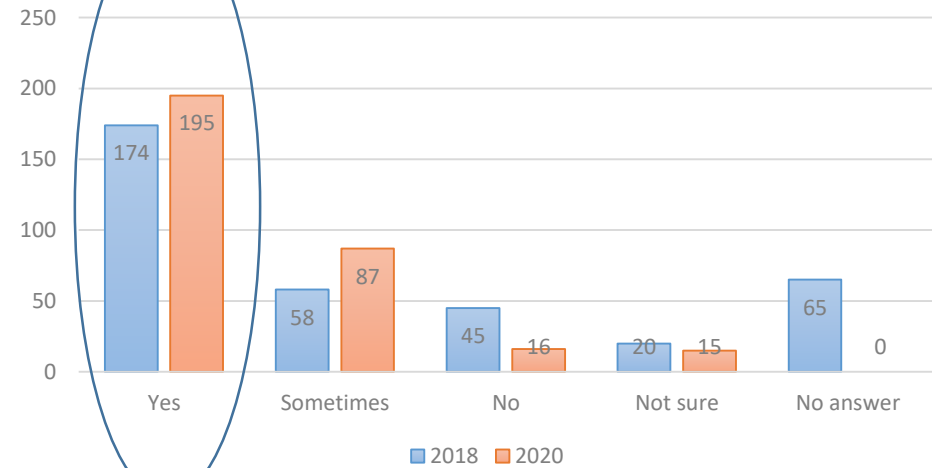
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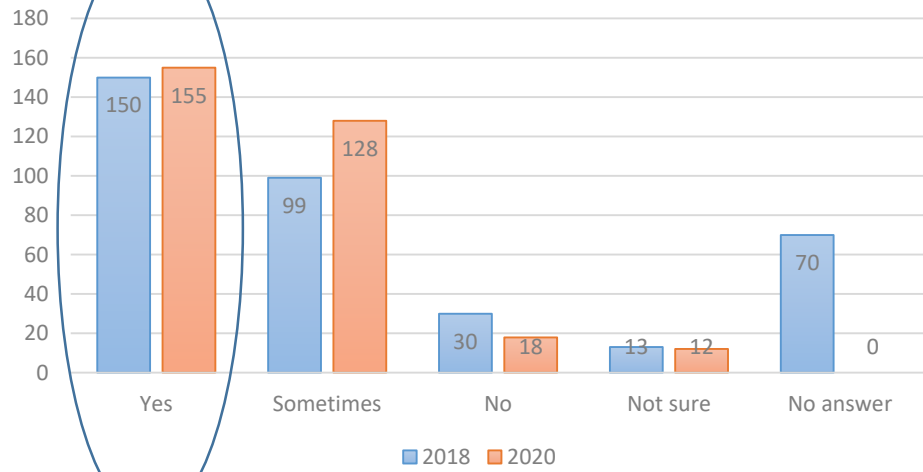
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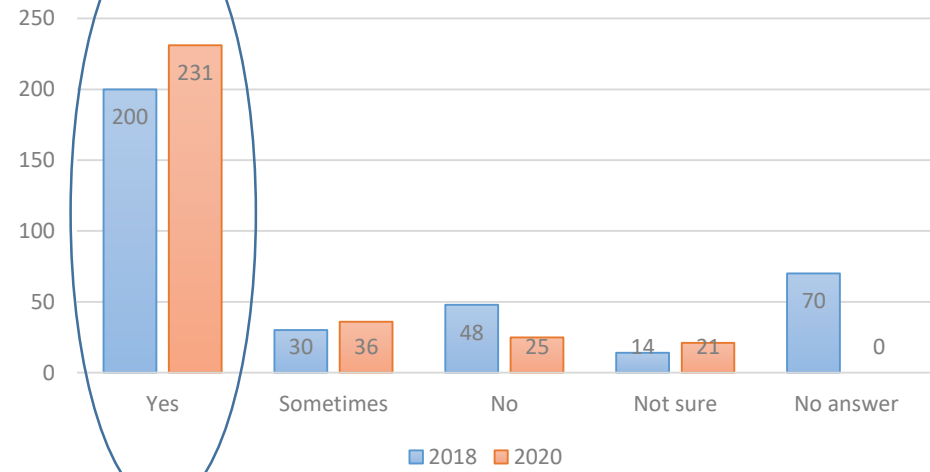
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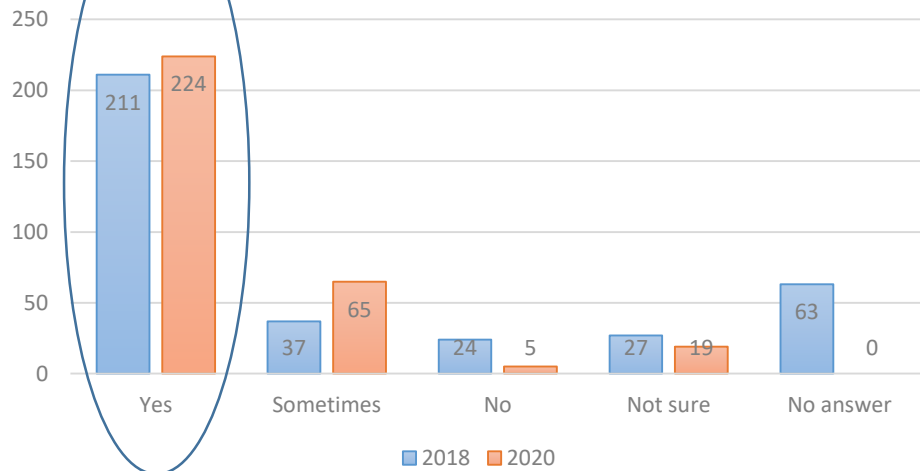
Q5 Pupils are kind and helpful



Q6 If I felt unsafe, I could tell an adult



Q7 My teachers listen to me



Q8 I can influence decisions

