

Longstone Special School



School Context & Journey

- SEN school in Northern Ireland for pupils aged 3 - 16.
- **230??** pupils with a wide range of additional needs.
- ROC - 2015
- Level 1 - 2017
- Gold Award- 2019
- Sustaining Gold - 2022



A word from our Council



Longstone School Council

We know our Rights

- All display boards reference rights.
- Rights based assemblies.
- Rights included in all term planners meaning teaching & learning is linked to UNCRC.
- Global Learning - partner school in Kenya, we do joint projects based around rights.
- QR codes throughout the school.



Right to an Education Shared Project



We Respect Rights



- RRSA explicit in SDP, Action Plans & Policies.
- Rights based approach to behaviour for learning through our Charters.
- Pupils are kept safe in school through outstanding Pastoral Care which is linked to RRSA.
- Support for pupils Mental Health.
- We celebrate pupils achievements e.g. Rights Respecting Pupil of the Week.
- Pupils are consulted in decision making processes, from voting for Head Boy / Head Girl, choosing what is on the menu for lunch to selecting playground equipment.

5 Ways to Well-Being at Longstone

We Promote the Rights of Others

- Active School Council who meet fortnightly to plan, run and organise rights based projects for the whole school.
 - Passionate about helping other children across the world e.g. Ukraine, Turkey etc.
 - Participate in UNICEF Campaigns annually e.g. OutRight & Playground Challenge.
 - External organisations are introduced to RRSA and build this into their programmes.
- Visitors learn about UNCRC including MLAs



Impact on our Pupils

"Rights Respecting School helps make our school more colourful and vibrant"
Kirsty Welsh - Prefect

"Being in the School Council is an important job because we help the Principal understand what the pupils need and want" Adam Moreland - Deputy Head Boy

"In the School Council we get to learn all about our Rights. This is important as it helps keep us safe" Beth Colhoun - Head Girl

"Rights Respecting School has helped my improve my confidence and speaking skills, especially in front of adults I do not know - Bartek Wysokowski - School Council Member

"Being in a Rights Respecting School has helped me showcase and explain what rights children have in our school and around the world' Christopher McMaster - Deputy Head Boy

"Being on the School Council is a big responsibility as you are able to bring in changes to the school and our community, like in the Big Climate Fight Back when we planted trees in Billy Neil Park' Alexandra Titterington - Deputy Head Girl

"I really like helping people who aren't having their rights protected like the people living in Ukraine' Luke Dobson - Head Boy

"It is good to talk about our rights in school, not all schools teach people about their rights and I think they should! Rio Gorman, Yr 10 pupil