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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we received some fantastic news that Goodwin Academy has achieved the Bronze Award of the Unicef Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA).

We are incredibly proud to be the first school in our Trust to achieve this award.

The Bronze award is the first stage of the RRSA and recognises that schools have started on a journey towards becoming a Rights Respecting School, embedding young people's rights in school practices and ethos. We will continue to work hard to put children's rights at the heart of Goodwin Academy, enabling students to respect each other and nurture their skills and talents; ultimately, creating a safe and inspiring place to learn.

We are constantly striving to create the best possible learning environment for our students, which is why Goodwin Academy is actively working towards the Silver award. We have set up a dedicated committee of students and staff to support the school in educating the student body around children's and young people's rights. Our plan of action is to ensure that:

- The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) underpins our values and decision making in school.
- The whole school learns about the CRC and respects the rights of others.
- Children are empowered to become active learners and active local and global citizens.

With this award, we are joining a community of other schools in the UK who have reported that the award has many positive impacts, including improved relationships, wellbeing and self-esteem of students that in turn has led to better attendance and improved learning.

For more information about Unicef UK's Rights Respecting Schools Award, please visit www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa

I want to give a special thank you to our Assistant Principal, Mrs Bradford, who has displayed outstanding leadership during this process, and I look forward to the school working together to achieve the Silver award in the next few years.

Yours sincerely,



Mr S Smith
Principal