

Going Back to School

Every child has rights, and with these rights come responsibilities. This is a guide to help you talk through these rights and responsibilities with your child as they go back to school.



My Rights and Responsibilities

When we are at school, we should all be able to learn, have fun and feel safe, protected and respected. This is what everyone deserves. These are our **RIGHTS**.

Children, teachers and parents all have important jobs to do to make sure everyone's rights are respected. We all need to work together. These are our **RESPONSIBILITIES**.

All children have
rights



I have rights, but I also have
responsibilities

Children have the right to an education.
Discipline in schools should respect children's dignity.
Adapted from Article 28

I will attend school regularly and reach the highest level of education I can.

Children who have any kind of disability should receive special care and support so that they can live a full and independent life.
Adapted from Article 23

I will treat all children as equals, no matter what our differences are. I will always do my best to help other children who need special support.

Education should develop each child's personality and talents to the full. Respect for adults, the environment and other cultures are important for all children to learn.
Adapted from Article 29

I will always try my best at school. I will respect everyone and their cultures and I will respect and protect the environment.



Everyone in the school community should work towards what is best for each child.
Adapted from Article 3

I will respect adults and work with them to do what is best for my care and protection.

Children have the right to meet and make friends with other children. No one should ever harm others or stop them from enjoying their rights.
Adapted from Article 15

I will choose my own friends but let others join in. I will treat everyone fairly.

Children have a right to be protected from cruelty and neglect and to be treated with respect.
Adapted from Article 37

I will treat everyone with respect and not bully or harm others.

Children have the right to say what they think and for adults and children to listen and take it seriously.
Adapted from Article 12

I will listen carefully and respectfully to all children and adults as I also want everyone at school to listen and respect what I have to say.



These rights are only a selection of children's rights protected by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Read more at www.unicef.org.au