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Dear Parent/Guardian,

On the 11th February all pupils will be taking part in a 'wider curriculum' day, focusing on a range of topics and issues.

As an Academy, you are aware that our ethos and values are based on the acronym of RESPECT. To develop this further and truly embed our commitment to uphold the rights of each child in our care and allow them to enjoy life in all its fullness, St Edward's have become a UNICEF 'Rights Respecting School'.

This means that we will be using the principles of the UN Convention of Human Rights to guide our practice: raising the profile of the Convention of Children's Rights, exploring how this informs the decisions we make and how we treat one another in the Academy, both locally within our community and within the wider world.

During the 'wider curriculum' day, sessions will be held with KS3 pupils relating to managing money, thinking about acceptance and diversity and how we treat others, and the Suffragette movement. The Staffordshire Road Safety Officer will be delivering sessions and over the academic year all pupils will have taken part in this session. We have also arranged for Staffordshire University to work with Y8 as part of our careers provision. The launch our Academy as a UNICEF 'Rights Respecting School' will also be included during this day.

As part of this launch, I would like to encourage you to take the opportunity to complete a very short online questionnaire to help us assess what you, as parents, understand about the Rights of the Child, which will then use to guide us in our work. The questionnaire is on our website and is found simply by clicking on the tile on the home page entitled 'Rights Respecting School Award Questionnaire' and then selecting St Edward's Church of England Academy.

Finally, on the 11th February we will be allowing pupils to come into the Academy wearing suitable non uniform clothes and asking for a donation of £1. The funds raised from this will go towards the purchase of a defibrillator that will be accessible within the Academy in case a member of the community is suffering from a cardiac arrest.

Should any parents feel that they would like to sponsor this initiative, please do contact me.

Many thanks,

Mr T Hutchinson

