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Dear parents/carers,

As you will be aware, your child's school participates in the UK Committee for UNICEF's (UNICEF UK) [Rights Respecting School Award](#) (RRSA). As an RRSA school, your child's school has elected to participate in a project to create a Girls' Education Declaration. This Declaration will set out why girls' education is important, the school's commitment to girls' education, and their calls for action to G7 leaders on girls' education. This project aims to:

- offer a meaningful opportunity for children and young people in RRSA schools across the UK to learn about and engage in the G7;
- offer a meaningful opportunity for children and young people in RRSA schools across the UK to learn about gender inequality in the UK and girls' education around the world; and
- ensure the UK Government hears from children and young people in the UK on their priorities for action from G7 leaders on girls' education.

As part of UNICEF UK's efforts to promote children's voices, we will share the Declarations created by RRSA schools with the UK Government, in particular officials from the Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office and the Cabinet Office. This will ensure that the officials working on global education policy and commitments for the G7 will have heard from children and young people in the UK about what is important to them. Girls' education is an international development priority for the UK Government, and we believe it is important that children's voices are heard in these efforts.

The Declaration will be school level and **will not include any children's names or identifying information**. However, your child's ideas (as part of the collective) will be shared with the UK Government. The Declarations may also be used in communications materials, either by UNICEF UK or by the UK Government, including on social media.

If you would prefer that your school's Declaration is not shared with the UK Government or in communications materials, please ask your child's teacher not to share their Declaration with UNICEF UK. The school will still be able to take part in the activity, but it will not be shared publicly.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact us at rrsa@unicef.org.uk.

Kind regards,

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