

GUIDANCE FOR GOLD VIRTUAL ACCREDITATION VISITS

Please contact rrsa@unicef.org.uk if you have any queries.

BEFORE THE VISIT	
1	<p>Complete the School Evaluation: Gold form to check you are ready for your accreditation visit. Identify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How has the outcome been achieved? ▪ What difference has been made? ▪ What evidence do you have? <p>You may include feedback from questionnaires, reports from your school inspection body, comments from parents, etc.</p> <p>Find the form on our website within the Forms and Guides section, under the Resources tab.</p> <p>As the accreditation will be virtual, the School Evaluation form needs to contain enough detail for the assessor to see what you have achieved.</p>
2	<p>Request a date. Contact your Professional Adviser with two or three potential dates. Your request will then be shared with an assessor who will contact you to confirm the date.</p>
3	<p>Bring together the evidence of your RRSA journey that can be shared with us digitally. Think about what you would want us to see or hear about if we were visiting you. These can be included in a simple PowerPoint. We have a template for you here.</p> <p>This might include some of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ planning documents linked to articles ▪ examples of policies ▪ reference to rights in the school improvement plan ▪ a selection of pupils' work across different year groups ▪ assemblies or an assembly planner ▪ photographs of displays – choose your three favourite ones ▪ photographs of some class charters ▪ minutes from steering group or school council meetings

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ campaigning or fundraising you have been involved in ▪ a selection of emails / letters from parents or governors exemplifying the impact of RRSA ▪ links to relevant website pages, Twitter feeds etc. <p>Please organise by Strands if possible. Some schools send as PowerPoint presentation. Make sure the presentation isn't too large otherwise it will be difficult to send.</p> <p>We will delete all materials sent after the accreditation report is completed.</p>
4	<p>A week before the assessment date please send or upload to the Box link sent by your assessor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School Evaluation: Gold ▪ School Questionnaire Summary (if they have already been completed) ▪ Evidence Portfolio ▪ Gold Virtual Accreditation - Suggested Programme pdf
5	<p>The day before:</p> <p>Arrange to check the video platform, Microsoft Teams, to make sure that everything works.</p>
DURING THE VISIT	
6	<p>Make sure you have identified a school member of staff to attend all sessions, ideally this will be your RRSA coordinator.</p>
7	<p>Be flexible. If at any point anyone needs a break the meeting can be adjourned, and we appreciate that network connections are not always reliable.</p> <p>The assessor should have a short break (10-15 minutes) before feeding back to the headteacher and coordinator – this allows them to clarify the highlights of the 'visit' they particularly want to share and to properly prepare the recommendations they wish to give you.</p>
8	<p>The visit will probably last between one and a half and two and a half hours.</p> <p>During the accreditation, at Gold there will be two assessors who will have conversations with:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The headteacher and RRSA coordinator and senior leaders to discuss their role in achieving the three RRSA Strands ▪ Staff, governors and parents ▪ Groups of students
9	At the end of the Gold Visit the assessors will be clear about their judgement but the confirmation of your school's Gold Accreditation (or Reaccreditation) will not happen until after the report has been seen by our Accreditation and Standard Committee. Your assessors will let you know the outcome as soon as the decision has been made, usually after about three weeks.
AFTER THE VISIT	
10	<p>Assuming you are successful, you will receive a report from your assessor.</p> <p>The Gold: Rights Respecting logo will be emailed to you, and you will receive a banner and certificate in the post.</p> <p>You can display these on your school website and documentation.</p>

RRSA COSTS

The Rights Respecting Schools Award is a membership based programme with an annual subscription. The annual fee is linked to the number of pupils in your school at the date of your sign up. The annual fee will remain the same even if the number of pupils at your school changes later, unless you believe the change in numbers is significant.

To encourage you to progress to Gold, where the ethos of the Rights Respecting Schools Award is truly embedded and the greatest impact for children is seen, the fee reduces after Gold is achieved (RRSA Post-Gold membership). So, the more progress you make, the less you pay. More info is available on [our website](#).

Type of membership	RRSA	RRSA Post-Gold
Annual fee	£2 per pupil at the date of sign up	£1.25 per pupil at the date of sign up
Annual minimum fee	£100	£100
Annual maximum fee	£1,500	£1,000