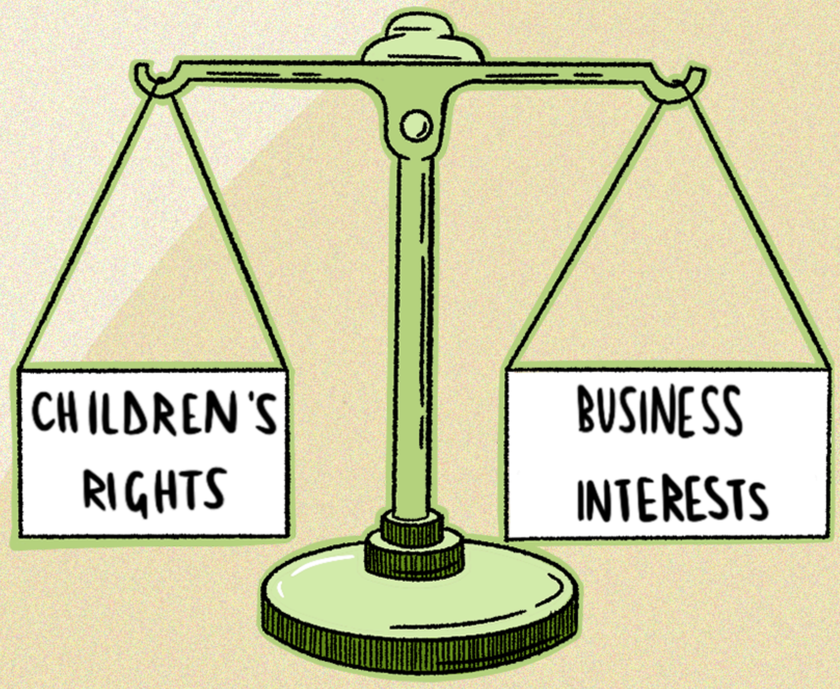
CHILDREN'S RIGHTS FACT SHEET

Business and Children's Rights: UNCRC General Comment No. 16

In 2013, the **UN Committee on the Rights of the Child published a guide (General Comment No. 16)** explaining how governments must protect children's rights when businesses are involved. It gives advice on how to stop and fix harm caused by companies and also explains what businesses should do to support children's rights and avoid doing harm.





Digital Rights: UNCRC General Comment No. 25

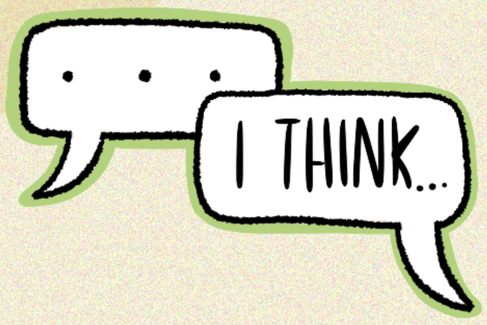
This 2021 guide (**General Comment No. 25)** explains children's rights online. It's very useful, however, some parts don't fit how digital tools are used in schools. It would need to be adapted to adress how many EdTech tools are used without children's or families' clear consent, within the school environment.

Core UNCRC Principles: These key principles must guide all decisions about children:

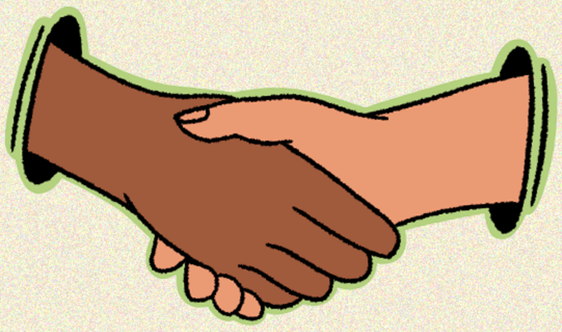
Act in the best interests of the child (Article 3)



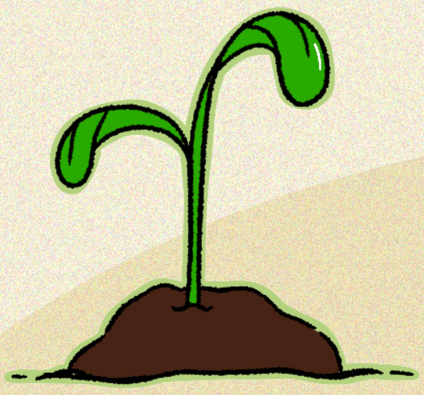
Listen to children's views (Article 12)



Treat all children fairly (Article 2)



Support life, survival, and development (Article 6)



Guidance from the Council of Europe

Council of Europe Guidelines on Data Protection for Educational Settings published in 2020 are all applicable to UK schools.

Other Relevant Rights

Other rights that matter in schools include:

- *The right to play (Article 31)*
- *The right to education (Article 28)*
- *The right to a good standard of living (Article 27)*

Legal Standing in the UK

These rights must be respected by law in Scotland and Wales. In England, the UNCRC is not a legal rule, but it is widely accepted as expected practice. These rights connect closely with data protection rules and and what everyone must do in educational settings.