



ST. ANDREW'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Young Carer Policy

Our vision

At St Andrews's CE Primary School, we aim to bring children to a place where they can realise their full potential.

Our Christian values are the foundation of all we do and each one is a facet of the central value, love, which 'always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres' (1Corinthians 13:7)

Protect, Trust, Hope and Persevere

Introduction

A young carer is someone who is under 18 who is caring unpaid for a family member or friend who is ill, disabled, or has a mental health problem or an addiction. They often take on practical and/or emotional caregiving responsibilities that would typically be expected of an adult. As a young carer, children may engage in personal care, physical care, help with medication or practical tasks, or provide emotional support.

Our Aim:

At St. Andrew's CE Primary School, we believe all young people have a right to an education, regardless of their situation at home. When a young person has a caring responsibility, they may need extra support to help them get the most out of school.

This Young Carers' Policy outlines how we will seek to identify, raise awareness of, and offer support to any pupil who looks after someone at home.

St. Andrew's CE Primary School:

- Has a member of staff with special responsibility for young carers and informs all new pupils who the member of staff is and what they can do to help. They are known as the Young Carer Operational Lead.
- Provide annual training and information to staff members on how to identify young carers and signpost them to the relevant support.
- Proactively identify young carers and raise awareness of the issues they face as well as the available support. PSHE lessons and/or assemblies will take place annually.
- Will seek the views of young carers regarding the school's young carers provision annually.
- Provide information on our support for young carers on our website for current and prospective pupils and parents. Also, displaying information on our staff and pupil noticeboards.
- Promote a weekly support group to provide a safe and confidential space, overseen by the Young Carer Operational Lead, allowing young carers in our school to provide emotional support to each other regarding their caring role.
- Provide access to a telephone during breaks and lunchtimes to contact home.
- Provide a weekly homework club during lunchtime.
- Will not make assumptions about family members with disabilities, mental and physical health conditions, substance misuse issues, or label young people and their families.

- Respects the young person's right to privacy and only shares information on them and their family with people who need to know. Their home situation and caring role will not be discussed in front of their peers.
- Treats young carers in a sensitive and child-centred way, upholding confidentiality. The young person's caring role is acknowledged and respected.
- Provide alternative communication options for parents who are sensory impaired or housebound.
- Monitor the progress and attendance of young carers and respond accordingly with appropriate intervention where necessary.
- Maintain and regularly review our Young Carers' Policy. This will be reviewed biennially.

Key Staff:

As of September 2025

Young Carer Operational Leads: Miss H Marshall, Miss H Revill

Senior Leadership Team Lead: Mrs P Garlick

Vulnerable Children's Lead: Mrs K Collier

Family Links Worker: Mrs L Pijnen

Master signed and filed by Rachel Reynolds – Chair of Governor's

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