



Young Carers School Policy

At Hanging Heaton C of E (VC) J & I School we believe that all children and young people have the right to an education, regardless of their home circumstances.

That is why we have adopted Kirklees Young Carers' school policy so that together we can strive to relieve some of the worries which young carers may have in relation to their caring, home and school life.

A young carer is any young person under the age of 18 years old who has some form of caring responsibilities for a family member with a disability or long-term illness. The person being cared for may be a parent, sibling or grandparent. The illnesses include mental health illnesses, drug or alcohol addictions and HIV/AIDS.

Our school WILL:

- Designate a full-time member of staff to have responsibility for young carers.
- Inform all pupils of who the designated member of staff for young carers is.
- Inform Kirklees Young Carers of who the designated worker is.
- Run sessions on the challenges faced by young carers in appropriate curriculum areas.
- Adopt a healthy attitude to different illnesses to try and reduce stigmas attached to illnesses such as mental health issues and disabilities.
- Be sensitive to young carer needs (they don't always want their peers to know).
- Give information out about support services (such as ours) to pupils.
- Liaise with appropriate agencies e.g. Kirklees Young Carers.
- Look at alternatives if the young carer is unable to attend after school clubs, after school detentions etc.
- Be flexible with homework. For example, allow young carers to complete their work during dinner time.
- Provide young carers with access to the use of a phone in private to ring home.

Our school's Designated Young Carer Worker is: Mrs S Brooke-Mawson

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'Let all that you do be done in love' - (1 Corinthians 16:14)