

Young Carers Policy

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1. Principles

- 1.1 At Woodlands School we believe that all children and young people have the right to an education, regardless of what is happening at home.
- 1.2 When a young person looks after someone in their family who has a serious illness, disability or other daily challenges, he or she may need extra support to help him or her get the most out of school.
- 1.3 This policy says how we will support any student who helps to look after someone at home.

2. Actions

- 2.1 This school has a member of staff with special responsibility for young carers and lets all new pupils know who they are and what they can do to help. This member of staff is Mrs Ives.
- 2.2 There is a homework club that runs every Wednesday lunchtime, supervised by Mrs Ives.
- 2.3 The school can put young carers in touch with the local Young Carers service when support is needed. We can also put families in touch with other support services.
- 2.4 The school complies with the Single Equalities Act by being accessible to parent/carers who have mobility and communication difficulties and involving them in consultation evenings.
- 2.5 The school respects young carers' right to privacy and will only share information about them and their family with people who need to know in order to help them, in line with the school policy on Safeguarding.
- 2.6 The school will consider alternatives if a young carer is unable to attend out of school activities, for example detention and extracurricular activities, due to their caring role.
- 2.7 The school actively involves young carers as a group and supports them on an individual basis.

Signed: 
Head Teacher

Date: 8th July 2025

Signed: 
Chair of Governors

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