

Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School



Young Carers Policy

Introduction

At Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery 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 our Young Carer policy so that we will be able to relieve some of the worries which young carers may have about home and their school work

Our school will:

- Designate a member of staff to have special responsibility for young carers, and attend relevant training. (Additional Needs Support Assistant- social and emotional, under the supervision of Inclusion Manager)
- Make sure all the pupils in our school are aware of who is the designated teacher for young carers.
- Look at the opportunities within the curriculum to raise awareness of the issues facing young carers e.g. through circle time, SMSCD, Jigsaw sessions and Assemblies.
- Be sensitive towards young carers' needs - they don't always want their peers to know.
- Give information to the young person about what advice and support is available.
- Ensure every young carer has a confidential information sheet in place.
- Pass information on to relevant colleagues e.g. class teacher, head teacher, learning mentor, year head; with due regard to confidentiality and child protection procedures.
- Liaise with appropriate agencies e.g. our local Young Carers Project.
- Look at alternatives if a young carer is unable to attend out of school activities e.g. detention, sports coaching, concerts, due to their caring role (this will be discussed sensitively with the pupil and their parents).
- Seek out opportunities for young carers to attend out of school activities and holiday clubs.

This policy will be reviewed annually with Staff and Governors.

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