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St Polycarp's Catholic Primary School



Young Carers Policy

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Young carers look after someone who has a long - term physical or mental health problem, disability or problems with drug or alcohol. This may take the form of domestic chores, personal care, supervision, emotional support or another form of assistance.

St Polycarp's believe that all young people have the right to an education. If a young person looks after someone; we know that they may need additional support to help them get the most out of their education, and we aim to meet their needs.

We aim to do this by:

- Having a designated member of staff who has a special responsibility for young carers. They will raise awareness with members of staff, to help them identify and understand the needs of young carers and their families.

Our designated contacts are Mrs Pointon and Mrs Douglas.

- Being sensitive towards young carers' needs and aim to show discretion. We respect pupil's privacy and will only share information about their circumstances with people who need to know, in order to provide help and to ensure their safety. Pupils and parents are consulted before information is shared.
- Having links with the Home School Link Worker, Mrs Pointon and other local services providing support to families with care needs, including Surrey Young Carers.
- Providing listening support to individuals or small groups of young carers.
- Liaising with the local authority if disabled parents need assistance to get their children to school.
- Assisting parents with disabilities and health problems in accessing parent's evenings and communicating in a way that meets their needs.
- Using Pupil Premium to assist eligible young carers in their education, including accessing clubs and curriculum-based trips.
- Raising awareness of young carers and disabilities, through PSHE sessions with pupils and through our regularly updated notice board.
- Supporting our young carers by running a 'going the extra mile' club half termly during the school day.

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