

Young Carers Policy

Supported by Swindon Young Carers

At Seven Fields Primary School we believe that all children and 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.

Young Carers (YC's) are children and young people whose lives are affected by looking after someone at home. The person they look after may have one or more of the following:

Physical disability

Mental health issues

Learning difficulties

Alcohol or drug dependency

Long-term illness

The person they care for may be a parent, sibling or grandparent and the care they give may be physical and/or emotional.

YC's may be taking the form of personal care, domestic chores, giving medication, help to fill in forms, giving reminders of what to do and when, supervision, emotional or communication support.

We acknowledge that there are likely to be YC's among our pupils, and that being a YC may have an adverse effect on a young person's education.

Seven Fields Primary School have a designated member of staff who has a special responsibility for YC's and will ensure that all support is offered and coordinated to suit the individual.

Currently our designated lead is: Miss Holly Bates

All staff at Seven Fields Primary School are sensitive towards YC's needs and aim to show discretion. We will respect the privacy of YCs and will only share information with people who need to know, in order to maintain safety and gain the correct support.

Seven Fields Primary School will ensure that any YC will be offered a range of interventions to support their academic needs.

Extra time will be allocated for homework deadlines where the class teacher feels this is necessary.

An after school YC Club will be held once a month.

There will be individual listening support from the YC lead available within school.



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We will assist parents with disabilities and health problems to access parents' evenings in a way that meets their needs or offer an alternative.

Detentions will be enforced during break/lunch times when possible to prevent any disruption with any caring roles after school.

We provide reasonable flexibility on attendance if absence is due to providing emergency care or a bereavement.

In the event of an emergency care being required, school will liaise with all agencies to ensure that absence from school is kept to a minimum. Where/when the YC is unable to get to school then a range of school work will be sent home or access to online learning will be given.

Seven Fields will continue to raise awareness and give pupils and staff the understanding of what a YC is, the rights they have and the support that is available to them.

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