

Dear School Community,

We are committed to supporting the young carers within our school community. Young carers play a vital role in our society, offering care and support to family members or friends who are ill, disabled, or experiencing challenges. Balancing their responsibilities as caregivers with their academic and personal lives can be immensely demanding. As a school, it is our responsibility to provide a nurturing and inclusive environment that acknowledges and supports these students.

Our Commitment to Young Carers:

1. **Awareness and Recognition:** We are dedicated to raising awareness and recognising the contributions of young carers. Through staff training and the school website, we aim to create a better understanding among staff, students and parents about the challenge's young carers face and the support they require.
2. **Confidential Support:** We offer a safe space where young carers can seek confidential support and guidance. Our support services and safeguarding team are available to provide assistance, lend an empathetic ear, and offer advice on managing academic and personal responsibilities.
3. **Understanding:** We recognise that young carers may need understanding with deadlines and organisation. Teachers and staff are encouraged to provide reasonable adjustments, accommodating their circumstances while maintaining academic standards.
4. **Peer Support Networks:** Creating peer support networks allows young carers to connect with others who understand their experiences. Initiatives such as support groups provide opportunities for shared experiences and mutual assistance.
5. **Education and Training:** We endeavour to educate our entire school community about the challenge's young carers face and how best to support them. This includes training for staff to identify and address the needs of young carers effectively.
6. **Collaboration with External Agencies:** We collaborate with external agencies and support groups specialising in young carer assistance. This partnership helps us access additional resources and guidance to better support our young carers.
7. **Celebrating Achievements:** We celebrate the achievements and successes of our young carers, acknowledging their resilience and determination in regular conversations and via the rewards system.

We are committed to ensuring that young carers feel supported, valued, and empowered to succeed in their academic pursuits while managing their caring responsibilities. Our school is a place where they can thrive, and we strive to provide the necessary resources and understanding to facilitate their success.