

Young Carers Policy

School Aims

Mottram Church of England Primary School is proud to be a Christian School whose aim is to promote an environment where everyone:

- Feels valued as an individual
- Has high expectations of themselves and each other
- Shows respect for themselves, each other and the world we live in
- Is equipped academically, emotionally, spiritually, physically and socially to succeed now and in future life
- Loves learning and loves life

Rationale

Mottram Church of England Primary School believes 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.

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Our school will:

- Designate a member of staff to have special responsibility for young carers and attend relevant training: Mrs. M. Scattergood.
- 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, PSHE, use of Assembly materials.
- 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, 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. sports coaching, concerts, due to their caring role. (This will be discussed sensitively with the child and their parents)
- Seek out opportunities for young carers to attend out of school activities and holiday clubs.
- Seek alternative means to communicate with the family of the young carer about the young carer's school experiences.
- All members of staff will always be proactive to ensure the needs of the young carer, be it physical or emotional are fully met.
- Review the needs of the young carer on a regular basis, preferably termly.
- Inform the appropriate Governor about any young carers in school

In Conclusion

At Mottram Church of England Primary, we aim to provide any young carer with a supportive environment in which they feel nurtured, having an equal opportunity to all educational and recreational activities.