



YOUNG CARERS

Young Carers School Policy

At West Bretton Junior & Infant 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 Wakefield District Young Carers school policy so that together we can strive to relieve some of the worries, which Young Carers may have in relation to their caring, home and school life.

A Young Carer is any young person under the age of 18 years old who has some form of caring responsibilities for a family member with a disability or long-term illness. The person being cared for may be a parent, brother / sister or grandparent. The illnesses include mental health illnesses, drug or alcohol addictions and HIV/AIDS.

Our school WILL:

- Designate a full-time member of staff to have responsibility for Young Carers.
- Inform all pupils of whom the designated member of staff for Young Carers is.
- Inform Wakefield District Young Carers of whom the designated worker is.
- Run sessions on the challenges faced by young carers in PSHE.
- Adopt a healthy attitude to different illnesses to try and reduce stigmas attached to illnesses such as Mental Health problems and disabilities.
- Be sensitive to Young Carers' needs (they don't always want their peers to know).
- Give information out about support services (such as ours) to pupils.
- Liaise with appropriate agencies i.e. our Young Carers project.
- Look at alternatives if the Young Carer is unable to attend after school clubs, after school detentions etc.
- Be flexible with homework. For example allow Young Carers to complete their work during dinner time.
- Provide Young Carers with access to the use of a phone in private to ring home.

Our school's designated Young Carer worker is: Mrs L Sellens

Signed Date: