

## **TERRINGTON ST CLEMENT COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

### **YOUNG CARERS' POLICY**

Named Person/s: **Kate Boulding and Vicky Sewell**

Senior Staff: **Miss E Hackett**

Governor: **Mrs C Whitehouse**

At Terrington St Clement Community School we believe that all children and young people have the right to an education, regardless of what is happening at home.

When a young person looks after someone in their family who has a serious illness, disability or substance misuse problem, he or she may need a little extra support to help him or her get the most out of school. Our Young Carers Policy says how we will help any pupil who helps to look after someone at home.

Our School:

- Has 2 members of staff with special responsibility for young carers and lets all new pupils know who they are and what they can do to help. (Kate Boulding and Vicky Sewell)
- Has 2 members of the school's leadership team. These are the headteacher: Miss E Hackett and Chair of Governors: Mrs C Whitehouse.
- Holds a Young Carers Week annually to highlight the needs of young carers within the school using assemblies and other activities.
- Puts young carers in touch with the local Young Carers Service. We also put families in touch with other support services.
- Is accessible to parents who have mobility and communication difficulties and involves them in parents' evenings.
- Respects your right to privacy and will only share information about you and your family with people who need to know to help you and only with your permission. All young carers and their families have a right to withdraw this permission at any time under the new GDPR data protection regulations May 2018.
- Considers alternatives if a young carer is unable to attend out of school activities e.g. sports coaching, concerts, etc. due to their caring role.
- Allows young carers to ask the named LIFE member to phone home if appropriate, to allay any worries/concerns.
- Will give parents advice about how to get their children into school where transport is a problem.

This policy also links to our school's safeguarding and accessibility policies.

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