



GEORGE ABBOT SCHOOL

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| Policy Title: | Young Carers-Guidelines |
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| School Mission Statement: Academic excellence within a strong community of equality and respect, where potential and opportunity are realised. | |

Young carers look after someone who has a long-term physical or mental health problem, disability or a problem with drugs or alcohol. This may take the form of domestic chores, personal care, supervision, emotional support or another form of assistance.

At George Abbot School we believe that all 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 time at school.

Our school has a designated member of staff who has special responsibility for young carers. *Currently our designated contact is Sarah Murphy, overseen by Liz Kemp, Deputy Head Teacher for Teaching and Learning.*

We aim to:

- Respect students' privacy and will only share information about their circumstances with people who need to know, in order to provide help and to ensure safety. Students and families are consulted before information is shared.
- Expect students to attend registration and lessons on time, every school day. However, we provide reasonable flexibility regarding attendance if absence is due to providing emergency care. In the event of emergency care being required, absence will be allowed for a short while, and school work sent home, until alternative arrangements for care can be made by the family. Please speak to us if this becomes an issue.
- Maintain links with local services providing support to families with care needs, including local young carer services.
- Offer additional tuition and a range of support for young carers. Please speak to us if you require this support.
- Provide access to a telephone to enable you to call home during breaks, if required.
- Liaise with the local authority to provide assistance for disabled parents in getting their children to school.
- Assist parents with disabilities and health problems in accessing parent's evenings, and communicates in a way that meets their needs.
- Use the Pupil Premium to assist eligible young carers in their education, including accessing curriculum based trips
- Consider alternatives if pupils are unable to attend after school activities (e.g. sports clubs) due to their caring role. Please speak to us if this is an issue.
- Run sessions on young carers in the PSHE programme, to help all pupils understand the issues, carers' rights and the support available.