



Lincewood Primary School

Young Carers Policy

Defining a Young Carer

“Young Carers are children and young persons under 18 who provide, or intend to provide, care, assistance or support to another family member. They carry out, often on a regular basis, significant or substantial caring tasks and assume a level of responsibility which would usually be associated with an adult. The person receiving care is often a parent but can be a sibling, grandparent or other relative who is disabled, has some chronic illness, mental health problem or other condition connected with a need for care, support or supervision.”

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Our School

We know that young carers may need a little extra support to enjoy and do well at school and at Lincewood Primary School we are committed to ensuring that all pupils who are Young Carers are identified and supported effectively. We aim to understand the issues faced by Young Carers and to raise awareness and support the particular needs that Young Carers may have. We aspire to provide a safe and supportive environment for those students who may have more responsibility at home than their peers.

- We have a member of staff who as the schools Young Carer Lead has a special responsibility for Young Carers.
- We work closely with Essex Young Carers Service and can put students and their families in touch with them and their support services.
- Will consider alternatives if a Young Carer is unable to attend out of school activities e.g. sports coaching, concerts, due to their caring role.
- We can give parents advice about how to get their children into school where transport is a problem.

- We can provide students with confidential support and advice in school.
- We respect each student's right to privacy as a Young Carer and will only share information on a need to know basis.

At Lincewood Primary School we are committed to meeting the needs of young carers so that they can attend and enjoy school. We are committed to overcoming barriers to learning and help raise attendance and attainment of young carers.

The team you can contact regarding any support or help needed for young carers are:

Senior Leadership Team Lead – Mrs Falvey

Young Carers School Operational Leads – Miss Farrow and Miss Godward

Young Carers Link Governor – TBC

As a school we are committed to only sharing information with professionals' on a need to know basis in order to support pupils and their families, to help them become the best they can be.

As a school we seek feedback and ideas from young carers and their families in order to improve the help and support we can offer.

We have a good referral system in place and contacts with external agencies such as the school nurse, Action for carers and Essex young carers

We are aiming to improve our work with young carers all the time.

If you think your child might be a young carer, or could be affected by any of the issues we've highlighted please contact us on **01268 412888** to speak to us directly.

Any information that is given to us will be treated sensitively and no information will be shared without your knowledge.