

# Young Carers Policy

## Hampton Gardens



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## Definition of a Young Carer

*‘Young carers are children and young people under 18 years old who provide unpaid care to a family member who is physically or mentally ill, disabled or misuses substances.’ Carers Trust, 2015.*

At Hampton Gardens we are aware that some of our pupils may be caring for a family member at home and may require support to help them attend and enjoy school in the same way as other pupils in order to achieve their potential.

*We have the following practices and strategies in place to support young carers in our school:*

- There is a designated Young Carers School Lead with responsibility for young carers and their families.
- The Young Carer’s School Lead at Hampton Gardens is: Mrs Tania Caborn. She can be contacted at Hampton Gardens on 01733 246700.
- The school has adopted a whole school approach to supporting young carers and their families and information will only be shared with professionals and agencies on a ‘need to know’ basis in order to support young carers and their families.
- Partnership working with local young carers service has been developed to embed ongoing training on young carers for our staff and governors.
- Information and signposting is available for pupils, staff and families to access regarding the identification of young carers and how to self-identify.
- Identification of young carers during the enrolment process is in place to actively monitor attendance and attainment.
- Support for young carers and their family during the transition process is available to share agreed information with their new school/college about their caring role.
- The school will look to consider alternative arrangements if a young carer cannot attend after school activities. The school will also consider lunchtime detentions rather than after school detentions.
- The school will allow young carers to use a school phone to call home during breaks and lunchtimes to reduce the worry that they may have about a family member.
- The school actively seeks feedback from our young carers and their families to look at how we can improve the support we put in place for young carers.
- Parents have access to information on the school website about young carers and we communicate with them at other times during the school year.

- Pupil premium funding will be used where possible to minimise any barriers to education and learning experienced by eligible young carers.
- An effective referral system and strong partnership with relevant external agencies is in place and with the school nurse and local young carers service.

### Policy review

This policy is reviewed every three years, or sooner if there are statutory guidance updates.

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