

Broadbottom C of E Primary School

Young Carers Policy

School Aims

We will....

- Love our God, our world, each other and ourselves
- Cherish our pupils, acting as their champions.
- Provide safe yet challenging opportunities to learn, blossom and grow.
- Surround ourselves with fun, laughter, positivity and happiness, creating a place where memories are made.
- Trust each other to act with integrity and to forgive when we make mistakes.
- Love learning and love life

We aim to....

- Be creative in our thinking, outlook and approach
- Communicate effectively
- Give the time needed for stronger growth
- Find each individual's "spark", develop them as thinkers and provide them with the gift of a love of learning and a belief in themselves.

Rationale

Broadbottom Church of England Primary School believes that all children and young people have the right to an education, regardless of their home circumstances.

That is why we have adopted our young carer policy so that we will be able to relieve some of the worries which young carers may have about home and their school work.

Policy Aims

Our school will:

- Designate a member of staff to have special responsibility for young carers, and attend relevant training: Mrs. E.M. Bland.
- Make sure all the pupils in our school are aware of who is the designated teacher for young carers.
- Look at the opportunities within the curriculum to raise awareness of the issues facing young carers e.g. through circle time, PSHE, use of SEAL materials.
- Be sensitive towards young carers' needs – they don't always want their peers to know.
- Give information to the young person about what advice and support is available.
- Ensure every young carer has a confidential information sheet in place.
- Pass information on to relevant colleagues e.g. class teacher, Head teacher, Learning Mentor, with due regard to confidentiality and child protection procedures.
- Liaise with appropriate agencies e.g. our local Young Carers Project.
- Look at alternatives if a young carer is unable to attend out of school activities e.g. sports coaching, concerts, due to their caring role. (This will be discussed sensitively with the child and their parents)
- Seek out opportunities for young carers to attend out of school activities and holiday clubs.
- Seek alternative means to communicate with the family of the young carer about the young carer's school experiences.
- All members of staff will be proactive at all times to ensure the needs of the young carer, be it physical, emotional, practical are fully met.
- Review the needs of the young carer on a regular basis, preferably termly.
- Inform the appropriate Governor about any young carers in school

In Conclusion

At Broadbottom Church of England Primary we aim to provide any young carer with a supportive environment in which they feel nurtured, having an equal opportunity to all educational and recreational activities.