

Committee Responsible:	Children & Learning
Status:	Non-Statutory
Review Period	Bi-Annual
Next review date:	Spring 2020

Aims and Objectives

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 Kingfield Primary 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 education, and we aim to meet their needs.

Our school:

- Has a young carers support team:
Senior Leadership – Helen Sweeney (SENCO)
Governor – Sue Jackson
Operational Lead – Lisa Prior (HSLW)
School Nurse – Julie King
Surrey Young Carers Link – Patrick Buckingham
- Is sensitive towards young carers' needs, and aims to show discretion. We respect pupils' privacy and will only share information about their circumstances with people who need to know, in order to provide help and to ensure safety. Pupils and parents are consulted before information is shared.
- Expects pupils to arrive at school on time and attend school everyday. However, in exceptional circumstances absence may be authorised should an emergency situation arise. Please always speak to us if this occurs.
- Has links with local services providing support to families with care needs, including local young carer services.
- Provides flexibility on homework, if required. Please speak to us if you require this support.
- Provides a support group for young carers to meet together regularly.
- Provides individual listening support for young carers.
- Provides access to a telephone in the office to enable you to call home, if required.
- Liaises with the local authority to provide assistance for disabled parents in getting their children to school.
- Assists parents with disabilities and health problems in accessing parent's evenings, and communicates in a way that meets their needs.
- Uses the Pupil Premium to assist eligible young carers in their education, including accessing curriculum-based trips
- Will consider alternatives if pupils are unable to attend after school activities (e.g. clubs) due to their caring role. Please speak to us if this is an issue.
- Includes a lesson on young carers in the PSHE programme for each year group, to help all pupils understand the issues, carers' rights and the support available.