

WIGMORE SCHOOL POLICY

5.27 Young Carers

Wigmore School has worked with Herefordshire Young Carers Support to develop our policy which will help us to identify and support children in our school who have caring responsibilities.

We have adopted this policy because we believe that all children and young people have the right to an education regardless of their home circumstances and we want to be able to relieve some of the worries which Young Carers may have about home and school.

When a young person looks after someone in their family who has a serious illness, disability or substance misuse problem, they may need a little extra support to them to get the most out of school. Our Young Carers Policy says how we will help any pupil who helps to look after someone at home.

Wigmore School:

- has a designated member of staff with special responsibility for Young Carers and lets all new pupils know who they are and what they can do to help;
- will make sure that all members of our staff are aware of the signs which could indicate that a child is a Young Carer;
- can put Young Carers in touch with the local Young Carers Service. We can also put families in touch with other support services;
- will be sensitive towards a Young Carer's needs and look for ways to support them e.g. to telephone home at lunchtimes;
- respects a Young Carer's right to privacy and will only share information with people who need to know in order to help;
- will consider alternatives if a Young Carer is unable to attend out of school activities due to their caring role e.g. sporting activities, trips and revision classes;
- is accessible to parents who have mobility and communication difficulties and involves them in parents evenings.

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