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### **YOUNG CARERS POLICY 2018**

A Young Carer is a child or young person who looks after someone within their home.

The person they look after may have one or more of the following

- Physical disability (including sensory disability)
- Learning disability
- Mental health problem
- Chronic illness
- Substance misuse problem

The young persons caring role may take the form of domestic chores, personal care, supervision, emotional support or another form of assistance.

At Riverview CofE Primary and Nursery 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 designated member of staff who has special responsibility for young carers. Currently our designated lead is Hayley Brown. She will introduce herself to you to offer and arrange any additional support you may require.
- 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.
- We can provide young carers with opportunities to speak to someone in private, and will not discuss their situation in front of their peers.
- Expects pupils to attend registration and lessons on time, every school day. However, we provide reasonable flexibility on attendance if absence is due to providing emergency care. In the event of emergency care being required, absence may be allowed for a short while, and school work sent home, until alternative arrangements for care can be made by the family. Please speak to us if this becomes an issue.



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- Has links with local services providing support to families with care needs, including local young carer services.
- Provides both individual listening support and an After School Support group for young carers.
- Liaises with the local authority to provide assistance for disabled parents in getting their children to school.
- Ensures that the school and its communications are accessible for parents with disabilities and health conditions, we use system's such as parent mail so any messages are be sent through directly to a parents e-mail
- Uses the Pupil Premium to assist eligible young carers in their education, including accessing curriculum based trips
- Follow child protection procedures regarding any young carer at risk of significant harm due to inappropriate levels of caring.
- Will consider alternatives if pupils are unable to attend after school activities (e.g. sports clubs) due to their caring role. Please speak to us if this is an issue.
- Runs sessions on young carers in the PSHE programme for each year group, to help all pupils understand the issues, carers' rights and the support available, and create a 'carer-friendly' environment.