



Young Carer Policy

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1. Introduction

This is the Young Carer Policy for Chase High School (CHS).

CHS acknowledges that Young Carers may need extra support to ensure that they have equal access to education. Through this Policy, CHS is giving the message that the education of Young Carers is important.

2. Aims

- To improve the progress and raise the standard of achievement for Young Carers.
- To address any underlying inequalities between Young Carers and other pupils.
- To raise awareness of Young Carers among staff, and to ensure the identification of all Young Carers as early as possible on entry to CHS.
- To ensure that Young Carers feel as included and supported within the CHS community as possible.
- To foster respect and understanding towards Young Carers among all pupils.
- To ensure that Young Carers take as full a part as possible in all CHS activities.
- To ensure that Young Carers are involved in discussions and decisions affecting the Young Carer provision.
- To ensure that Young Carers have access to appropriate careers guidance and opportunities.

CHS recognises that flexibility may be needed when responding to the needs of Young Carers.

3. Strategies

- To include space on CHS application forms for parents/carers to declare:
 - a) Whether or not their child is a Young Carer;
 - b) Whether or not their child is registered as a Young Carer.
- To create a Young Carer Register, accessible to all relevant members of the pastoral team and teaching staff.
- To appoint a Young Carer Lead in the Senior Leadership Team (SLT), who will be responsible for overseeing the Young Carer provision at CHS.
- To appoint a member of staff to lead on the Young Carer provision, who will be responsible for maintaining a Young Carer support group and corresponding with external agencies, such as Southend City Council (SCC), to stay up-to-date on a Young Carer's circumstances and needs.
- The DPYC to monitor the progress of Young Carers, and respond accordingly with appropriate intervention, where necessary.
- The DPYC to monitor the attendance of Young Carers and respond accordingly with appropriate intervention, where necessary.
- The SLT Young Carer Lead and the DPYC to make reasonable adjustments to usual CHS policies and show flexibility, on a case-by-case basis, regarding issues such as lateness to School, late homework and poor attendance.
- CHS to ensure that Young Carers have access to the mental health support available across CHS, where necessary.
- CHS to ensure that Young Carers have the opportunity to contribute to the discussion around the CHS provision for Young Carers.
- The SLT Young Carer Lead to maintain and regularly review this Young Carer's Policy. This will be reviewed annually.

- To ensure that the designated professional for Young Carers will liaise with relevant colleagues and other relevant agencies regarding their caring responsibilities, with the consent of the Young Carer. All pupils will be made aware of the designated professional.
- CHS will provide Young Carers with opportunities to speak to someone in private, and staff will not discuss their situation in front of their peers.
- CHS appreciates that Young Carers will not discuss their family situation unless they feel comfortable. The young person's caring role will be acknowledged and respected.
- CHS will ensure that Young Carers can access all available support services in School.
- CHS will follow child protection procedures regarding any Young Carer at risk of significant harm due to inappropriate levels of caring.
- CHS recognises that flexibility may be needed when responding to the needs of Young Carers. Available provision includes (but is not limited to):
 - a) negotiable deadlines for homework/coursework (when needed);
 - b) access to homework clubs (where these are available);
 - c) identifying support for Young Carers and their family to enable them to attend School trips and educational activities.