

# Dormansland Primary School



## Young Carers Policy

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## INTRODUCTION

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.

## PRACTICE

At Dormansland 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;
- is sensitive towards young carers' needs, and always shows discretion;
- expects children to attend school 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;
- provides both individual listening support and a lunchtime support group for young carers;
- provides access to a telephone to enable you to call home during breaks, if required;
- 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;
- uses Pupil Premium funding to assist eligible young carers in their education, including accessing curriculum based trips, where applicable;
- will consider alternatives if children are unable to attend after school activities or events, due to their caring role;
- runs sessions on young carers in the PSHE programme for each year group and through assemblies, to help all pupils understand the issues, carers' rights and the support available, and create a 'carer-friendly' culture;
- has links with local services providing support to families with care needs, including local young carer services.

## LINKS WITH OTHER POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

- Child Protection policy
- Safeguarding policy and procedures
- Health, Safety and Welfare policy
- PSHE policy