NETHERFIELD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Young Carers Policy

Date of last review: Summer 2025
Date of next review: Summer 2027

At Netherfield Primary School, all children and young people have a right to education. We are committed to meeting the needs of our young carers by addressing their barriers to learning whilst encouraging positive attendance at school. Young carers of family members with serious illness, disability or other significant complexities may need additional support to maintain equal access to education. We aim to achieve this through our young carers policy, which details the support we provide as follows:

- Young carers are able to access support from their class teacher through the pastoral system including the Mental Health Policy. The attendance officer will be aware of all young carers and support them in attending school.
- The Trust delivers teacher training, character, resilience and wellbeing lessons and assemblies regarding the needs of young carers and accessing the appropriate support for pupils with caring responsibilities.
- All young carers will receive tailored support to ensure every opportunity for academic progression.
- The Trust has an effective referral system and works with external agencies to provide the best possible support for young carers.
- The Trust will endeavour to assist young carers and their families facing financial hardship regarding school related expenses, assessed on a case by case basis.
- Confidentiality: A young carer's privacy and the privacy of their family are respected and the Trust only shares information with staff and agencies on a need to know basis to support pupils and their families.
- The Trust views young carers as any other pupil, but understands that they have the additional pressure of caring responsibilities.
- The Trust promotes an inclusive approach and understanding of issues such as disability and caring through the curriculum.
- The Trust continues to develop support strategies accessing information from the Young Carers Federation.

Mrs P Taylor – Student Adviser is the school's lead for young carers, ensuring this policy is delivered and developed with other agencies to enhance support.