

Wymondham High Young Carers Agreement

Updated and approved by Governors November 2019

Annotations added January 2021 in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Statements highlighted in yellow are currently not possible due to partial school closures and remote learning as a result of the pandemic, although young carers are some of the people being offered places in school which will allow them to receive similar support. Unfortunately we are unable to run the Tuesday lunch time meetings as young carers are from different year group “bubbles”, but we continue to communicate via the new Teams group and the Twitter page. Young carers are also being supported through regular contact with form tutors.

What we expect from Young Carers	What Young Carers can expect from us
To take part as fully as possible in lessons and opportunities offered in school.	Ensure that Young Carers is a topic covered in tutor time activities at least yearly, and that it forms part of assemblies/ Communication and Culture lessons where possible. Deliver staff training on the topic as regularly as is necessary to keep staff informed about procedures. Make staff aware, with permission from the Young carer and their family, when circumstances are likely to interfere with lessons and/or homework. Inform Careers Leader – RCDP (Mrs E Sharpe) about any Young Carers and offer them 1:1 careers advice about realistic future opportunities.
Tell us in advance of deadlines if there are issues completing homework.	Allow agreed-upon extensions for homework tasks where possible. Support students to complete homework during the school day (YC group on a Tuesday lunch time; supervised study during form times on agreed days with Mrs G Wood (Student Support Worker); M18/ Wellbeing as a space where YCs can come to do homework during any break or lunch time). Avoid issuing negative points on Go4Schools if extension given for homework for this reason.
Make us aware of any changes to your caring role.	Allow use of Young Carers card when necessary to exit lessons for a few minutes.

	<p>Allow use of mobile phone in a designated area (e.g. inclusion office, wellbeing office) and/or contact home from reception if worried during the school day. If necessary, meet with Young Carer (and parents/guardians) to discuss further support.</p>
<p>Let us know if you need more support.</p>	<p>We have 3 staff named as Young Carer Leads who can provide support in the form of weekly meetings (Tuesday lunch times in N26), advice/awareness, and who can be approached in person if you have a problem relating to your caring role. There is an email group which will be used to communicate information about meetings, trips, etc. and which can be used by any Young Carers or potential Young Carers to contact designated staff or ask questions relating to being a Young Carer (youngcarers@wh-at.net).</p> <p>We can provide contact details and information about local Young Carers groups and the Norfolk Young Carers Forum via students and staff contacts.</p> <p>Update from March 2020: We have a Twitter page to enable to us to share key information and maintain connections with local and national organisations who support young carers as well as sharing information with our feeder schools and other interested parties. Follow us (parents or students who are old enough to have an account) - WyHighYoungCarers @Wy_YoungCarers</p> <p>Update from October 2020: We also have a Teams group to facilitate regular contact and make requesting support easy in the absence of the lunch time meetings which we can't run at the moment. Contact Ms Sparrow if you would like to join the Team.</p>