



YOUNG CARERS SCHOOL LEAD - ROLE DESCRIPTION

AWARENESS & UNDERSTANDING

- ✓ Ensure that all staff are fully aware that there is an identified School Lead with special responsibility for young carers and how support can be accessed.
- ✓ Gain knowledge & understanding of young carers and what support they need.
- ✓ Share your knowledge and understanding with other staff members, and identify opportunities for staff training and ongoing professional development (including staff inductions).

IDENTIFICATION

- ✓ Ensure systems are in place to identify young carers (ie through enrolment for new pupils).
- ✓ Explain to relevant staff why young carers and their families may be unwilling to self-identify.
- ✓ Offer support during the transition process, by sharing information with their new School / College Lead for young carers.

PASTORAL SUPPORT

- ✓ Ensure young carers have access to staff to talk to and understand their individual circumstances.
- ✓ Encourage young carers to identify any barriers and discuss solutions e.g. around homework and extracurricular activities.
- ✓ Use creative approaches, such as peer mentoring and peer support groups, to meet the needs of young carers (who can experience high levels of bullying).
- ✓ Try and resolve any issues over lateness and absence with understanding of the young carer's circumstances.
- ✓ Access support through referral to Gloucestershire Young Carers.

TEACHING & LEARNING

- ✓ Recognise child's specific needs as a young carer when monitoring & supporting their achievement.
- ✓ Lessen the impact of interrupted learning on the educational achievement of the young carer through ensuring appropriate provision.
- ✓ Enable young carers to complete homework within school time, and that issues with homework are handled with understanding of the young carer's home situation.
- ✓ (For secondary schools) Identify those young carers at risk of falling into the "Not in Education, Employment or Training" (NEET) category and take appropriate actions to address this.

COMMUNICATION

- ✓ Communicate effectively and work in multi-agency teams to ensure young carers and their families receive coordinated support.
- ✓ Ensure school notice boards display up to date information (including named school nurse and appointment times) and resources for young carers and their families.

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REFERRAL – ADVICE – SUPPORT – POSTERS/PUBLICITY – AWARENESS RAISING – PEER MENTOR TRAINING