



HARMONIZE ACADEMY

YOUNG CARERS POLICY

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Trust, Respect, Compassion, Forgiveness

Young Carers Policy

At Harmonize Academy we believe that all children and young people have the right to an education, regardless of what is happening at home.

When a young person looks after someone in their family who has a serious illness, disability or substance misuse problem, he or she may need a little extra support to help him or her get the most out of school. Our Young Carers Policy says how we will help any student who helps to look after someone at home.

Harmonize Academy:

- Has a member of staff with special responsibility for young carers and lets all new students know who they are and what they can do to help.
- Runs a PSHE lesson on the challenges faced by young carers during year 2019-2020.
- Can put young carers in touch with the local Young Carers Service. We can also put families in touch with other support services.
- Is accessible to parents who have mobility and communication difficulties and involves them in Parent/Carer Review Day.
- Respects their right to privacy and will only share information about them and their family with people who need to know to help you.
- Will consider alternatives if a young carer is unable to attend out of school curriculum and enrichment activities due to their caring role.
- Allows young carers to telephone home during breaks and lunchtimes.
- Complies with the Disability Discrimination Act by offering disabled parents support to get their children into school.

To be read in conjunction with the following Harmonize Academy Policies:

- Data Protection/GDPR Policy
- Harmonize Academy Safeguarding Policy