



Young Carers Policy

Potters Gate CE Primary School and St Andrew's Infant School

Review Period:	Annual
Next Review Due:	March 2026
Local Committee Lead	
Staff Lead	Jayne Venables SLT Lead, HSLW Operational Lead

Young carers are children or young people under the age of 18 who provide regular and on-going care and emotional support to a family member who is physically or mentally ill, disabled or misuses substances (The Association of Directors of Adult Services and the Association of Directors of Child Services).

At Potters Gate Primary School and St Andrews Infant School, we believe that all young people have the right to an equal education. If a young person looks after someone, we know 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 a special responsibility for young carers. Currently our designated contact is *Carly Harries*. They will introduce themselves to you and offer and co-ordinate support.

Is sensitive towards young carers' needs and aims to show discretion. We will respect the young carer and their families privacy and will only share information with people who need to know, in order to help young carers and to ensure their safety. We will consult with families before sharing information. We can put young carers and their families in touch with our local Young Carers Service and other support services.

Provides additional support for young carers and flexibility on work deadlines as appropriate and required.

Provides both individual listening support and a support group for young carers.

Provides access to a telephone to enable contact with home during breaks, if appropriate and required.

Expects young carers to attend registration and lessons on time, every school day, if able. We provide reasonable flexibility if absence is due to providing emergency care or a bereavement.

Assists parents with disabilities and health problems in accessing parent's evenings and communicates in a way that meets their needs.

Will consider alternatives if a young carer is unable to attend after school activities (e.g. sports clubs) due to their caring role.

Runs sessions and assemblies on young carers in the PSHE programme for each year group, to help pupils understand issues, carer's rights and the support available.