



## St Peter's C of E (Aided) Primary School

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### Our Vision Statement

*"At St Peter's we have high expectations where everyone achieves and succeeds within a safe, inclusive Christian community. We promote independence, respect and empathy. Through an exciting curriculum, children are inspired to become lifelong learners and active world citizens."*

### YOUNG CARERS POLICY

Person Responsible:	Children & Learning Committee
Review Period:	Every 3 years or in light of new legislation/Annual
Status:	Recommended
Date Adopted:	Spring Term 2020
Next review:	Spring Term 2022
Ratified by Governors:	22 January 2020

**Statement:** Young carers look after someone who has a long-term physical or mental health problem, disability or a problem with drugs or alcohol. The support they give may take the form of domestic chores, personal care, supervision, emotional support or another form of assistance.

At St Peter's School we are committed to meeting young carers' needs so that they are enabled and encouraged to attend and enjoy school and have equal access to education as their peers. If a young person looks after someone, we know that they may need additional support and we aim to meet their needs by:

- Having a designated member of staff who has special responsibility for young carers. They will raise awareness amongst staff, helping them to identify and understand the needs of young carers and their families. Pupils and families will also be made aware of the designated leader;

Our designated lead is Rosemary Pointon, Home School Link Worker

- Having a member of the Senior Leadership Team of St Peter's with special responsibility for young carers;

Our designated Senior Leader is Sarah Marshall, Deputy Head

- Having a member of the Board of Governors with special responsibility for the school's policy and provision for young carers;

Our designated Governor is Sally Woods.

- Using Pupil Premium funding to minimise any barriers to education and learning experienced by eligible young carers to improve their wellbeing, attainment and attendance. This includes accessing clubs and curriculum-based trips;
- Providing accessible information about support available for young carers and how to access it to both pupils and families;



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- Having links with local services providing support to families with care needs, including strong partnership and an effective referral system to local young carer services;
- Providing individual listening support and a lunchtime support group for young carers;
- Using the curriculum to promote a full understanding, acceptance of, and respect for the issues of caring, disability and impairment and embedding the challenges faced by young carers into Learning for Life lessons;
- Providing access to a telephone to call home during breaks, if necessary;
- Being sensitive and showing discretion towards young carers' needs. We respect pupils' privacy and will only share information about their circumstances with people who need to know, in order to provide help and to ensure safety. Pupils and parents are consulted before information is shared;
- Liaising with the local authority to access assistance for disabled parents in getting their children to school, where necessary; and
- Ensuring that the school and its communications are accessible and welcoming to parents with disabilities and / or illness, offering additional support to enable them to attend parents' evenings or other school events.