

Young Carers Procedure

At Mildenhall College 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 pupil who helps to look after someone at home.

Our academy:

- Has a member of staff, Mrs H McMullan, with a special responsibility for young carers and lets all new pupils know who she is and what she can do to help.
- 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 parents' evenings.
- Respects young carers' right to privacy and will only share information about the young carer and his or her family with people who need to know to help him or her.
- Will consider alternatives if a young carer is unable to attend out of school activities e.g. detention, sports coaching, concerts due to their caring role.
- Allows young carers to telephone home during breaks and lunchtimes.
- Complies with the Equalities Act by offering disabled parents support if they are unable to get transport or drive themselves to the academy for a meeting about their child/children. The academy would make reasonable adjustments to allow the meeting to take place such as arranging for the meeting be held at an alternative location.
- Promotes awareness of young carers through assemblies.
- Ensures staff at Mildenhall College Academy have up to date information about young carers and seeks their support in identifying these pupils.