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YOUNG CARERS POLICY 2017 - 2020

Introduction

Definition of a young carer

A young carer is a young person, up to the age of 18, who's educational, health, social or emotional development may be affected by their caring responsibilities in the family. This will be:

- At home or elsewhere
- In respect of physical or emotional caring
- Normally on a long term basis
- In comparison to what any young person of comparable age could reasonably be expected to experience or achieve

At Ralph Sadleir we support one of the central aims of the National Strategy for Carers in that we believe that "children whose parents or other relatives have specific needs arising out of disability or health conditions enjoy the same life chances as all other children in the locality."

We recognise their right to an education and to partake in additional activities that will enhance their life chances through giving young carers opportunities to develop socially and emotionally and to experience those aspects of education that offer skills and opportunities for their future life.


Ralph Sadleir will:

- Designate a member of staff to have special responsibility for young carers
- Offer support to young carers and their family
- Work with the young carer and their family to encourage attendance at school and related activities
- Ensure staff have relevant information to enable them to support the young person (subject to the agreement of the young carer and their parent/guardian)
- Ensure all staff are aware of effective ways to support young carers
- Be sensitive to the needs of young carers
- Make available information to the young person about issues relating to young carers and the advice and support that is available (e.g. Young Carers Project)
- Liaise with external professionals to share relevant information (e.g. School Nurse)

Ralph Sadleir is a caring school that respects the needs of individuals within its community.

Review

Governors will review this policy three yearly and/or in light of any changes in legislation. The Resources Committee (a subcommittee of the Local Governing Body) will update the policy accordingly.

Governance	Chair Person / Headteacher	Signature	Date
Resources Committee	Mr D Spong		5 th May 2017

The next review will take place prior to May 2020.