



## Protocol for Young Carers

At Banbury Aspirations Campus we hold the Gold Standard Young Carers kite mark, awarded to us by Oxfordshire County Council for our work with our Young Carers. We are aware that a number of our pupils fulfil a caring role at home and strongly believe that all our students have the right to equal access to education, regardless of what is happening at home for them. We also believe that no child should have to take on the responsibility of an inappropriate or excessive caring role.

We recognise that where one of our students does have to look after someone in their family who has a serious illness, disability or substance misuse problem, they may need extra support to help them to get the most out of school.

We will endeavour to understand the issues faced by young carers and support them through a whole school approach and through working with other agencies and professionals. We are committed to meeting the needs of young carers so that they are enabled and encouraged to attend and have equal access to education as their peers.

At Banbury Aspirations Campus we have assigned Elaine King to take the lead and have special responsibility for Young Carers.

During the admission process we will endeavour to ascertain and identify where young people have a caring role within the family, the nature of this role and whether it has impacted on their education.

Training will be offered to staff regarding the issues faced by our Young Carers and how this impacts on their education.

The Academy will evaluate data and monitor the progress of our Young Carers on a regular basis.

Confidentiality of students and their families will be respected at all times and information will only be shared with other agencies on a need to know basis in order to provide appropriate support.

We will undertake to communicate the availability of support to students and their families with details on how to access it and sign-post students on to appropriate services. We will work in partnership where appropriate with external agencies to ensure that our students receive the support they need both in and out of school.

Banbury Aspirations Campus adheres to the Disability Discrimination Acts (1995, 2005). We always aim to be accessible and welcoming to parents/carers with disabilities and/or illness, offering additional support to enable attendance at parent's evenings or other events and home visiting where necessary.

The difficulties that can be faced by Young Carers will be highlighted through the assembly programme, also encouraging students to self-refer where they feel that this applies to them.

The Academy will actively seek feedback from our Young Carers and their families in order to constantly monitor and improve the provision provided.