

Supporting Our Young Carers

A message from your School Young Carers Champion



Dear Parents and Guardians,

At our school, we know that every family's circumstances are unique. Balancing the varied needs within a household can sometimes place a significant, unseen strain on a child. Often, young people carry these heavy responsibilities quietly, and their role as a carer can easily go unnoticed in the busy school environment.

As the school's Young Carers Champion, I want to ensure that every child who provides support at home is seen, valued, and given the care they deserve. Whether your child helps support a sibling with additional needs, a parent, or another family member, identifying them as a young carer allows us to wrap the right support around them.

How School Support Can Help

Registering your child as a young carer opens up a wide range of dedicated benefits within school, including:

- **Understanding and Flexibility:** School staff will be aware of their situation, offering extra empathy, patience, and tailored adjustments during difficult days or during busy assessment and exam periods.
- **Peer Connection:** Access to our Young Carers Club, giving them dedicated time during the school year to relax, build friendships, and connect with other children who share similar experiences.
- **Inclusive School Culture:** Helping us continuously improve our inclusive practice and build a compassionate environment where no child feels isolated.

Wider Opportunities with Dorset Young Carers

Beyond school, registering connects your family to broader community support through Dorset Young Carers. This includes opportunities for online peer catch-ups, fun group activities, and essential respite days when a break is needed most.

How to Register

If you feel your child is carrying extra responsibilities at home due to a family member's health, disability, or extra needs, please take a moment to complete the online registration form below:

[Dorset Carer Service - Help & Care](#)

Please also complete and return the slip at the bottom of this page to the school office so that we can update our internal records and begin offering immediate support.

Many thanks for your continued partnership and support.

Warm regards,

Tasha Hardy - Young Carers Champion

Young Carers School Notification Slip

(Please complete and return to the school office)

Child's Name: _____ Class / Year: _____

☐ I have submitted an online application to Dorset Young Carers.

☐ I would like the Young Carers Champion to contact me for a confidential chat.

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____