

*Green Lane
Church of England*



Primary School

Young Carers' Policy

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The Ethos and Values of Our School

Green Lane Church of England Primary is a rural school in the heart of Teesdale and at the centre of our local community. We offer a fantastic education based around achievement and success in a nurturing, holistic environment. At Green Lane we see the ultimate purpose of education as the promotion of “life in all its fullness” (St John’s Gospel, chapter 10, verse 10).

Here education is about more than just academic achievement; it is about developing young people who can flourish in all areas of their lives developing the intellectual, spiritual, moral and physical attributes, becoming proud and respectful members of our community. Our deeply Christian ethos and values are central to the experiences our children have each day as part of ‘Team GL.’

Introduction

This school respects the rights of children and values the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). In particular, this policy supports Articles 2, 3, 16, 28, 29, 31, and 36.

At Green Lane CE Primary School 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 school:

- Has a designated member of staff with special responsibility for pastoral support including for young carers and lets all new pupils know who they are and what they can do to help.
- Runs PSHCE lessons on the Rights of children and on the challenges faced by young carers.
- Can put young carers’ family in touch with the local Young Carers Service and other organisations who can offer support.
- Is accessible to parents who have mobility and communication difficulties and involves them in parents’ evenings and other school activities.
- Respects your right to privacy and will only share information about you and your family with people who need to know to help you.

- Will consider alternatives if a young carer is unable to attend out of school activities, e.g. after-school clubs, concerts or trips away.
- Allow young carers to contact home during the school day if need be, to ensure peace of mind.
- Complies with the Disability Discrimination Act by offering disabled parents support to get their children to school.