## **Cleves Cross Primary School**



## **Young Carers' Policy**

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Head Teacher: Mrs A Lazenby

Chair of Governors:

Cleves Cross Learning Trust

A member of the Cleves Cross Learning Trust

## **Young Carers School Policy**

We are a Rights Respecting School and the following articles relate to this policy:

Article 28 – All children and young people have a right to primary education, which should be free. Discipline in schools should respect children's human dignity Young people should be encouraged to reach the highest level of education they are capable of.

At Cleves Cross 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 (A Hilton) with special responsibility for young carers and lets all new pupils know who they are and what they can do to help.
- Runs PSHE and Citizenship lessons on the UNCRC 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.