

SENNEN
PRIMARY SCHOOL



SUPPORTING YOUNG CARERS POLICY

ACTION	DATE	SIGNED CHAIR OR VICE-CHAIR
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For review		

SUPPORTING YOUNG CARERS

At Sennen 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 somebody 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.

A young carer becomes particularly vulnerable when the level of care-giving and responsibility to the person in need of care becomes excessive or inappropriate for that child, risking impacting on his or her emotional or physical well-being or educational achievement and life chances.

Our school:

- Has a member of staff with special responsibility for young carers and lets all new pupils know who they are and what they can do to help. This person's name and role is Tony Phillips, Headteacher.
- Runs an assembly at least once every year highlighting the role of young carers generally, and a PSHE lesson on the challenges faced by young carers during each school year
- Can put young carers in touch with the local Young Carers Service. We can also put families in touch with other support services
- Is accessible to parents who have mobility and communication difficulties and involves them in parents' evenings
- 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 (eg sports coaching, concerts) due to their caring role
- Allows young carers to telephone home during break and lunchtimes
- Can give parents advice about how to get their child into school where transport is a problem

Further information & support:

- Further information about Cornwall Young Carers Strategy can be found on <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/carers/young-carers/>
- Kernow Young Carers aim to make the caring role a more positive experience. Referrals are accepted from families, any agency and professionals working with the family. Please contact <http://kernowyoungcarers.org/>