

## Young Carers Charter for Schools

### Mark of Excellence

We are aware that pupils in our school may have caring roles at home. We believe that all children and young people should have equal access to education, regardless of what is happening at home and that no child should have to take on inappropriate or excessive caring responsibilities.

When a young person looks after someone in their family who has an illness, disability, sensory impairment, mental ill health, is affected by drugs/alcohol or is affected by HIV/AIDS, they may need a little extra support to help them get the most out of school.

We aim to understand the issues faced by young carers. By signing up to the Wigan Council Young Carers Charter for schools, we are guaranteeing our commitment to support any pupil in school who has caring responsibilities at home.

- The school will keep up to date with national and local developments and with legislation and guidance affecting young carers and their families.
- The whole school is committed to meeting the needs of young carers so that they are enabled and encouraged to attend and enjoy school and have equal access to education as their peers.
- A school lead will be assigned and will have responsibility for young carers and their families. Pupils and their families will be made aware of the identity of the schools lead.
- Training on young carer issues will be embedded in ongoing professional development for all staff and pupils.
- The school will aim to offer support to improve attendance and pupil's well being.
- Information about support available for young carers and how to access it will be made clearly available to both pupils and families.
- The school recognises that young carers and their families need to receive co-ordinated support by the school, working in partnership where appropriate with general practitioners, young carers services and other relevant organisations.
- The school will ensure that young carers are referred or signposted to the relevant services appropriate to meet their needs.
- The school respects the rights of young carers privacy and confidentiality.

Name of School .....

Signature of head teacher .....

Signature of school lead for young carers .....