



# MARISH

## Academy Trust



# Young Carers Policy

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At Marish Academy Trust, we believe that all children and young people have the right to an education, regardless of their home or personal circumstances. Therefore we have put in place this policy to ensure that the needs of those children who may be young carers, are recognised and addressed through best practice.

Our Academy Trust schools will:

- Designate a member of staff to have special responsibility for Young Carers.
- Make sure that all the pupils and staff in our school are aware of who is the designated teacher for Young Carers
- Run an Assembly / PSHE session on the challenges faced by Young Carers regularly but at least annually
- Be sensitive towards Young Carers' needs – they do not always want their peers to know their circumstances
- Give information to the young person about Young Carers and what support and advice is available
- Pass information on to relevant colleagues, i.e. class teacher, school family link worker, learning mentor, with the consent of the Young Carer
- Liaise with appropriate agencies, e.g. Slough Crossroads, Social Care
- Look at alternatives if a young carer is unable to attend out of school activities, e.g. sports coaching, concerts, due to their caring role. This will be discussed sensitively with the pupil and his/her parent(s)/carer(s).

### **How do we identify children who are Young Carers?**

Although the young person, or their family, may not identify themselves as a Young Carer, we use information gathered at ECM meetings, which we follow through with parents.

### **Designated Member of Staff**

The designated person responsible for Young Carers Trust wide is the Safeguarding and Child Protection Lead, Mrs Carol Conlon.

She is supported in this role by the staff who are on the Inclusion and ECM teams in both schools.