

**The Bicester School**



## **Young Carers**

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## **The Bicester School support for identified young carers**

At the Bicester 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. This Young Carer's Policy says how we will help any pupil who helps to look after someone at home.

### **Our School:**

- A team of staff will lead our young carers support work, they will be the point of contact for our young carers and their families and will liaise with young carers' services.
- Wherever possible, staff will talk to young carers in private and not in front of their friends unless the carer asks for a friend to be present.
- Where possible, we will negotiate deadlines for homework, coursework etc. in advance (we cannot change for some things, such as course work which is part of externally moderated modules).
- When an identified young carer is given a detention, we will consider allowing this to take place at break or lunchtimes rather than after school if this impacts on their caring responsibilities.
- We will liaise with support services to ensure that we can signpost families to additional help
- If a parent is unable to travel to parent's evenings due to family circumstances, we will try to make alternative arrangements. The young carer or parent may request this.

We welcome any young person, parent or family member who wishes to discuss their family circumstances so that we can help their child in achieving their potential.

