



Recognition of Excellence in Supporting Young Carers Award

To achieve a gold award you must achieve the below criteria



1. Young carer identification box on school application forms.
2. Provide inhouse young carer support and young carer groups
3. Host parent forums/coffee mornings
4. Young Carers policy
5. Young Carers school lead (school champion)
6. Refer/register young carers with Carers Northumberland
7. Teacher training to include information on young carers
8. All staff recognising and understanding Young Carer ID cards if shown
9. Providing Young Carer themed assemblies
10. Partnership working between school and Carers Northumberland to provide young carer support.

To achieve a silver award you must achieve the below criteria



1. Young Carers policy
2. Young Carers school lead (school champion)
3. Refer young carers with Carers Northumberland
4. Teacher training to include information on young carers
5. All staff recognising and understanding Young Carer ID cards if shown
6. Providing Young Carer themed assemblies
7. Partnership working between school and Carers Northumberland to provide young carer support.

To achieve a bronze award you must achieve the below criteria



1. Teacher training to include information on young carers
2. All staff recognising and understanding Young Carer ID cards if shown
3. Providing Young Carer themed assemblies
4. Partnership working between school and Carers Northumberland to provide young carer support.

After achieving the award you can apply for a higher award after 6 months if desired.





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Requirement	Description	Suggested evidence	Your evidence
Young carer identification box on school application forms.	A tick box added to the school's current forms to help identify young carers to plan and act accordingly to their need.	Captured at application/enrolment process via application forms, questionnaires and online databases containing confidential notes about learner. NCC online application portal already contains this option.	
Provide in house young carer support and young carer groups.	Providing regular support to young carers in school. Carers Northumberland can attend the first support group or can provide guidance on what to do if required.	Regular support via 'checking in' 1-1 chats for known young carers. Young carer support groups throughout the year. Advised face to face focus group after school.	
Host parent forums/coffee mornings.	Host parent forums or coffee mornings with parents about the young carers service so parents can gain more information about the service.	Carers Northumberland can attend these sessions to discuss support available for young carers in person or online.	
Young Carers policy.	A policy outlining procedures for identifying, referring, and monitoring young carers. The policy may be the school's original policy however, updated to differentiate the needs and circumstances of young carers.	Creation of a Young Carers policy and/or updates to your existing school policy to include the needs of young carers. A policy for young carers outlining support that is available in your school.	
Young Carers school lead (school champion).	A designated staff member who can talk to/refer the young carers, set up forums, organise training and monitor progress.	A designated lead who holds a current DBS that children can trust. Someone who has a route to escalate issues to senior management if required.	





Refer young carers to Carers Northumberland.	Refer young carers to our service using the well being check (online form) or referral form (spreadsheet).	Entering school name on referrals to evidence this.	
Teacher training to include information on young carers.	Staff to undertake Young Carer Awareness training. Carers Northumberland can provide this via virtually or in person.	Training to staff, parents and students about the young carer service and support.	
Recognising Young Carer ID cards (Carers Northumberland can provide these).	The cards can be issued by Carers Northumberland and can be discreetly shown to teachers to indicate their personal circumstances without embarrassment or explanation.	Allowing young carers to show or wear lanyard. Recognising what the card indicates. Giving the young carers a coloured sticker to attach onto their lunch payment card to indicate they are a young carer.	
Young carer themed assemblies.	To raise awareness to the students about what a young carer may do so they can self-identify.	Assemblies recorded, photographs of Carers Northumberland delivering assemblies.	
Partnership working between school and organisations providing young carer support.	Regular communication between young carer support organisations and regular updates of young carers/progress.	Liaising via email, Carers Northumberland carrying out school visits and meetings, following recommendations from the Toolkit, regular training and newsletter cascaded to staff and young carers.	

To achieve silver award all bronze and silver criteria must be achieved.

To achieve a gold award all bronze, silver and gold criteria must be achieved.



If you would like to access support to implement any of the recommendations
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