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Carers in Education Case Study

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Carlton Le Willows Academy

Carlton le Willows Academy is an 11-18 mixed, secondary school and sixth form with academy status in Gedling. They have over 1500 students and It is part of the Greater Nottingham Education Trust.

The Challenge

The challenge for Carlton le Willows was in identifying the full number of young carers within the Academy. Introducing measures to ensuring staff, Governors and Students have a sound understanding of young carers and their circumstances and providing that support to make a difference.

Actions in Support of Young Carers

The academy has a Young Carer Lead in place who oversees the identification, referral and support of Young Carers within the academy. School pastoral support staff training and student assemblies have taken place.

NCA staff have shared up to date information and resources to support the school lead in their willingness to address this from a whole school approach. This is being supported by the Principal and Senior Leadership Team (SLT) who have also published a Young Carer policy on their website which also is embedded in the 'Whole' school policy.

The Solution & Impact

Working with Hayley Fenyn, Student Adviser and the the school Young Carer Lead, the following actions were taken by Carlton le Willows in support of their young carers.


They have:

- Appointed a Young Carers Lead
- Identified a significant increase in young carers
- Young carers are able to access support from their Tutor and/or Student Adviser through the pastoral system. The attendance team will be aware of all young carers and support them in attending school.
- All young carers will receive tailored support to ensure every opportunity for academic progression
- The academy has an effective referral system and works with external agencies to provide the best possible support for young carers.
- The academy enrolment process and transition work with primary schools will identify young carers to ensure they are supported from their first day at Carlton le Willows Academy as part of our inclusion strategy.
- The academy continues to develop support strategies together with Nottinghamshire Carers Association.
- The academy provides a young carers card scheme to discreetly identify themselves to student support to: facilitate calls home; presenting to teaching staff for homework extensions; early lunch pass for sitting and rescheduling afterschool detentions.
- The academy views young carers as any other pupil, but understands that they have the additional pressure of caring responsibilities

Feedback

Carlton le Willows continues to identify and support Young Carers with their education as well as making referrals to Tu Vida for extra support. Carlton le Willows is to be awarded the 'Carer Friendly School' quality mark for their on going support for Young Carers.



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