

# Carers in Education Case Study



## Fernwood Primary & Nursery School

Fernwood Primary and Nursery School is located in the Wollaton area of Nottingham City and has a cohort of 1,125.

### The Challenge

Fernwood Primary and Nursery School is one of the largest primary schools in the city and the county with 1,125 pupils on role. With the school being so large any issues and challenges they face are at a higher proportion than other schools locally.

### Actions in Support of Young Carers

Fernwood Primary and Nursery School has been highly proactive in supporting young carers in education. They have appointed a Young Carer Lead who is responsible for identifying, referring, and supporting young carers within the school community as well as supporting parents and carers.

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. The school has organised awareness assemblies for their pupils and they have used the referral pathways with Young Carers Notts. The school continues to speak with us and communicate regularly with updates.

### The Solution & Impact

Working with Lorraine Jones (Deputy Head and SENCO), the following actions were taken by the school in support of their young carers.

They have:

- Appointed a Young Carers Lead.
- Identified young carers.
- Young carers are able to access support via Lorraine & School.
- All young carers continue to receive support to ensure every opportunity for academic progression.
- Have held 3 whole school assemblies on Young carer awareness
- The school is working towards putting a Young Carer section into the school policy.
- The school provides support to facilitate homework in school time.
- The school views young carers as any other pupil, but understands that they have the additional pressure of caring responsibilities
- Are in contact with the Young Carer Support Worker for their area from Young Carers Notts.
- Have invited NCA to hold a stand at the Summer Fair to promote young carers.



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