

# RHPS Young Carers Group

## Working in Partnership with Suffolk Young Carers

Rushmere Hall Primary School believes that all children and Young People have the right to a good 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.

Our Young Carers Policy states how we will help any pupil who helps to look after someone at home.

### **Our Young Carer Lead is:**

Mrs R Garland (Year 6 Teacher)

### **Our School:**

- Has a member of staff with special responsibility for the young carers and lets new pupils know who they are and what they can do to help.
- Will run PSHE sessions on the challenges faced by young carers.
- Can put young carers in touch with the local young carer's service. We can also put families in touch with other support services.
- Is accessible to parents who have mobility and communication difficulties and involves them in parent's evenings.
- Respects your right to privacy and will only share information about you and your family with people who need to know to help you.
- Will consider alternatives if a young carer is unable to attend out of school activities e.g. detention, sports coaching, concerts, due to their caring responsibilities.
- Provides young carers with opportunities to speak to someone in private, and will not discuss their situation in front of their peers.
- We will ensure young carers can access all available support services at school.
- Allows young carers to telephone home during breaks and lunchtimes.
- Complies with the disability Discrimination act by offering disabled parents support to get their children to school.