

At Commonswood we are conscious that some young people have caring roles at home. We are committed to the belief that all children and young people should have equal access to education, regardless of what is happening at home.

When a young person looks after someone in their family who has a disability, suffers mental or physical ill-health or other health-related issues, they may need a little extra support to help them get the most out of school. As a school community, we are very aware of the particular needs that young carers may have. We are committed to and are proud of the support we offer to our young carers and their families and work within the safeguarding policies of the school.

At Commonswood we respond to the needs of young carers by ensuring staff are trained to identify possible young carers and for those identified we strive to provide a supportive environment including;

- a weekly drop-in,
- termly forums,
- homework support through after school club,
- track progress and attainment,
- an identified team of staff and school governor,
- enrichment opportunities.

The Senior Leadership Team fully endorse the support for Young Carers. Nicola Scatchard is the Senior Leadership Team Lead, and Sian Mills is the Young Carers Operational Lead.