

Our aim:

West Kidlington Primary and Nursery School acknowledges that there are likely to be young carers among its pupils. We are committed to supporting young carers to access education and support them in reaching their full potential. We want to enable them and their families to access support that minimizes the physical and emotional impact of caring and promotes health well-being and resilience.

West Kidlington Young Carers
Gen Bullen
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Young Carers

"Making our best
even better"



West Kidlington
Primary and
Nursery Schools

At West Kidlington Primary School



Oxfordshire
Young Carers Service



Who is a Young Carer?

A young carer is someone aged 18 or under who helps look after a relative who has a condition, such as a disability, illness, mental health condition, or a drug or alcohol problem. – NHS

Based on the 2011 consensus there are over 177,000 identified young carers in England and Wales and 1 in 12 children aged 5-17 are young carers.

Oxfordshire Young Carers School Standards

By taking on the Oxfordshire County Council's Young Carers School Standards we intend to identify and support young carers within our school. Our young carers' school lead is Gen Bullen and we are currently working towards our bronze award.



How young carers are identified?

If you are contacted by school about your child being a young carer it does not mean we have concerns or have noticed anything wrong. Most young carers are identified through good relationships and communication between the child's parents and their teacher or teaching assistant. Often a child is identified if school understand that a sibling has a learning difficulty, illness or condition diagnosed.

West Kidlington Young Carers Club (WKYC)

If you are happy for your child to be identified as a young carer they will be invited to join WKYC. It is a club for all young carers and which takes place throughout the year during the school day. The aim of the group is for provide a place where young carers can meet other children who may experience similar situations to them and gives them a chance to discuss different roles and aspects of being a young carer. It is also a chance to relax and have some fun too!

WKYC Trips and Fundraising

West Kidlington Young Carers Club provide activities and trips to identified young carers during the school year. The young carers arrange fundraising throughout the year to cover the majority of the cost of the trips. Keep an eye out for WKYC cake sales and other fundraising events!

Referral to Oxfordshire Young Carers Service

For young carers who take on a larger, more physical or emotional caring role, there is an opportunity of a referral to Oxfordshire Young Carers Service. They provide 1:1 support for children and their families. This is optional and would only be done with parental consent.

How to contact West Kidlington Young Carers School Lead

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