**JSTC - Our Whole School Commitment to Young Carers**

At JSTC we are committed to supporting Young Carers so that they can attend and enjoy school in the same way as other students and achieve their potential. We seek to hold open conversations with Young Carers and their families about their caring circumstances.

We offer a range of interventions including a weekly lunchtime drop-in, 1:1 sessions with our Young Carer Lead for bespoke support, a breakfast club once a month where young carers can build friendships with others in a similar situation and receive support from staff. Young Carers are identified on our school MIS system so that all staff are aware of any Young Carers in their class.

We are also on a mission to raise the profile and awareness of Young Carers in our school. We are committed to making reasonable adjustments where necessary and making JSTC a school that celebrates and supports our young carers.

We have a staff member designated to identifying and supporting young carers specifically.

Miss R Hickson is our Young Carers Lead across the school.

We recognise that we are a vital link in the chain for young people getting the support they need, and families having their needs met through other services. Our aim is to offer all our young carers an Early Help Assessment; this is a voluntary decision for any family.

As a school we value the voice of our students and seek to include young carers in informing our vision and practice by having Young Carers Champions. Our current Young Carer Champions are Emily Arnott & Charlie Thompson. We ensure that our young carers are represented on all aspects of school life and their voices are heard through Student Leaders and the School Council.