



Carer Friendly Tick Award - Education

How the Carer Friendly Tick quality standards came about

Caring Together run a young carers awareness-raising project across Norfolk known as the Norfolk Young Carers Forum. The project is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund. For more information about the Norfolk Young Carers Forum (NYCF) visit www.caringtogether.org/support/norfolk-young-carers-forum

From the very beginning, one of the aims of NYCF has been to work to improve awareness of, and support for young carers and young adult carers.

Based on feedback from young carers, the Forum members worked to write the **Carer Friendly Tick quality standards for education**.

These five standards are drawn directly from the work of young carers and have then been consulted on with workers and professionals. We would like to acknowledge the great work of the NYCF members in creating this award.

The **Carer Friendly Tick Award – Education** is intended to be simple to understand and implement. It takes only a few steps but makes a real difference for carers. There is a range of resources and help available to help settings achieve these, whether they be a school, college or university (we have even had a university department achieve the Carer Friendly Tick).

The **Carer Friendly Tick Award – Education** is designed to provide organisations with an emphasis on local and relevant standards which carers feel are necessary to ensure they are easily identified and properly supported within education. Schools can then build on these standards to work towards national models of best practice such as the 'Young Carers in Schools' programme:

www.caringtogether.org/professionals/schools-collegesuniversities/ycis

Following positive feedback from schools and colleges, we are delighted to be able to extend the Carer Friendly Tick Award to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

If your setting would be interested in working towards the **Carer Friendly Tick Award - Education**, please email carerfriendlytick@caringtogether.org with the subject title 'Carer Friendly Tick Award – Education' or call us on 01480 499090.



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Have a named member of staff as a Champion/Lead for young carers/young adult carers

Have a young carers/young adult carers agreement developed in consultation with young carers/young adult carers

Cover issues relating to young carers/young adult carers in staff training

Display information about young carers and young adult carers, as well as projects that support them locally

Raise awareness of young carers and young adult carers with students (e.g. in assemblies and/or PSHE/tutor time).
Raise awareness in Carers Week and Young Carers Awareness Day

Once schools/colleges/universities meet the above standards, they will receive the **'Carer Friendly Tick Award – Education'**