

# Carers and Young Carers

At Ayrshire College we are committed to supporting students who have caring responsibilities



## At Ayrshire College we will:

- Provide a learning environment that is rewarding and ensures equal opportunities for Student Carers
  - Recognise and value the voices and experiences of Student Carers
  - Recognise the contribution Student Carers can make to the College by including them in the development of policies and practice to ensure an inclusive environment
  - Recognise the unique challenges and barriers that Student Carers may face due to their unpaid caring responsibilities; as well as balancing these commitments with study
  - Provide support to identify and support Student Carers throughout their learner journey
- “ A carer is anyone who cares, unpaid, for a friend or family member who due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction cannot cope without their support ”**
- Protect the right of Student Carers to make informed decisions/choices regarding their studies in relation to their unpaid caring responsibilities
  - Demonstrate a non-judgemental, flexible, person-centred and sensitive approach in identifying, supporting and reporting on Student Carers
  - Adopt the Carers Trust Scotland's definition of a carer/student carer

## The Student Experience Team can provide additional support with:

- Funding information and applications
- Finance including the Young Carers Grant
- Additional support for Caring Responsibilities
- Academic support for students with additional support needs
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Personal Support plan based on your Carer Statement
- Online resources to help you during your time at college

## Ayrshire College Student Association

Ayrshire College Student Association is currently developing support networks for those students who have caring responsibilities. The Student President and Vice President are happy to meet with students across all campuses to chat about issues and concerns.

If you are a carer or young carer then call in to any of the main Ayrshire College campuses and speak to the Student Experience team about how they can support you.

### Contact us:

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