

South Lanarkshire College – Supporting our Student Carers

Statement of Intent

In line with our vision of being ‘Scotland’s leading provider of college education and training’ we are fully committed to providing a learning environment that is rewarding and ensures equal opportunities for student carers. We strive to ensure that there are no barriers to entitlement or success at South Lanarkshire College and will take the necessary steps to identify, support and report on our student carers.

At South Lanarkshire College, we’ll enable our student carers to be supported at every step of their learner journey. We recognise the unique challenges and barriers that student carers face due to their unpaid caring responsibilities; as well as balancing these commitments with study. This can have a severe impact on their physical and mental wellbeing, often resulting in not having equal access to opportunities and facing challenges to achieve their course of study. It is therefore, the College’s aspiration ‘for there to be no difference in the outcomes of student carers compared to their peers’. To achieve this, the College is committed to providing the necessary support to enable student carers’ to succeed in their college course and gain positive outcomes.

The College acknowledges it plays an important role in the listening and upholding of the rights of student carers to improve the life chances of all our student carers. We will strive to ‘get it right for every student carer’, and to work with the Carers Trust and other agencies to deliver a holistic, flexible, person-centred and sensitive approach to support student carers in their education and ambitions.

