

Millfield Primary School

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The governing body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment

Dear parent(s)/carer(s),

Identifying and supporting young carers at Millfield Primary School

At Millfield we are aware that some of our pupils are young carers. A young carer is someone under 18 who is caring unpaid for a family member or friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or addiction problems. They often take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult. Research suggests there are at least 700,000 young carers in the UK but many do not realise they are a young carer.

We know that young carers may need a little extra support to enjoy and do well at school. At Millfield we are committed to ensuring that all pupils who are young carers are identified, and supported effectively.

As Millfield's Young Carers' Lead I have responsibility for supporting all young carers and their wellbeing. If you think your child might be a young carer, or could be affected by any of the issues we've highlighted, please let me know by filling in the form below and bringing it into school in a sealed envelope addressed to me. If you do not feel comfortable doing this, or have any further questions, please contact the school office to make an appointment to speak or meet directly with me.

Any information that is given to us will be treated sensitively and no information will be shared without your knowledge.

The school receives extra funding for each child/young person eligible for free school meals, which can be put towards extra support and provision for young carers. It is therefore important that children are registered for free school meals, even if they do not want, or need the school meal. For more information on how this money is spent please visit the schools website or speak to office staff.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Lee.

Young Carer Lead

Pupil's name:

Class: _____

Does the pupil have parents or other family members who have a long-term illness or disability, or who are affected by mental ill-health or substance misuse?

Yes No

If you wish, you can give further details here: (not required)

Would you like more information about the types of support the school provides to young carers?

Yes No

Please provide a name and telephone number or email address so that we can contact you.

Name: _____

Telephone/email address: _____