



Who are Young Carers?

Last term in assembly we were talking about Young Carers in our school and community. This was to highlight the difficulties that some students face on a day to day basis which impacts on their childhood in and out of school.

A young carer is someone under 18 who provides care and support to a family member, usually because of illness, disability, addiction or mental health issues.

Mr Baranowski is the Young Carers School Operational Lead and is supported by Mrs Airey (Student Liaison Officer) and Mrs Simmonds (Pupil Premium Co-ordinator). They are the main points of contact in school to support our Young Carers.

There could be as many as 700,000 young carers in the UK. This means about one in 12 secondary aged students have caring responsibilities. However, there could be another half a million students in secondary schools throughout the UK that we don't even know about. All schools have a responsibility to provide support for Young Carers and as part of this process we asked our students to complete a questionnaire. Once identified Mrs Airey and Mrs Simmonds will speak to the individual students in confidence regarding any assistance the school can provide.

ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED WILL BE TREATED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.

Here are some facts about Young Carers in the UK:-

- 27% of young carers (11-15) will miss school or experience educational difficulties.
- A quarter of young carers will say that they have or are being bullied.
- Girls are slightly more likely to be carers than boys. Among 15-to-19-year-olds, about 5% of girls are carers and about 4% of boys.
- Young carers are more likely than the national average to be "not in education, employment or training" (Neet) between the ages of 16 and 19.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Airey or Mrs Simmonds.

