



Heathfield Schools' Partnership

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Dear Parents/Carers

Identifying Young Carers at Heathfield Schools

At Heathfield Nursery & Infant and Junior Schools we are aware that some of our pupils are Young Carers. The Department for Education now requires us to submit this data in the school census.

A young carer is someone under 18 who is caring for someone at home 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. There are at least 700,000 young carers in the UK but many young people do not realise they are a young carer.

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

As part of our safeguarding commitment at Heathfield schools, we aim to ensure all children have the resources and support to develop and thrive to the best of their potential. Our staff have responsibility for ensuring all young carers are able to enjoy school and make good progress.

If you think your child might be a young carer, or could be affected by any of the issues *highlighted* above, please let us know by filling in the form below and returning in a sealed envelope addressed to me, or email to safeguarding@heathfield-inf.richmond.sch.uk . If you do not feel comfortable doing this, or have any further questions, please contact me or your child's class teacher via the school office. Any information that is given to us will be treated sensitively and no information will be shared without your knowledge.

Yours sincerely

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Young Carers - Reply Slip

Pupil's name: _____

Class: _____

Does the pupil have any family members that live with them who have a long-term illness or disability, or who are affected by mental ill-health or substance misuse?

Yes

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No

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

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

Yes

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No

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

Name: _____

Telephone/email address: _____