



Joseph Leckie Academy

Young Carers Awareness Day: Save the date 26th January 2017

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

Young Carers' Awareness Day is a National day of recognition for the 700,000 young carers in the UK. For many of them, this is not just the occasional washing up, making a bed or running to the shops it is providing every day care and support to a family member or a friend.

Not all young carers are identified and supported that is why we want to use Young Carers' Awareness Day on 26th January 2017 to get everyone talking about the thousands of carers who are often unidentified, and who miss out on vital services and support they are entitled to.

During assemblies - week commencing 23rd January we aim to communicate who young carers are and what they do. With the general awareness of young carers increased, children and young people with caring responsibilities should be more easily identified and therefore enabled to access the correct support for them and their family.

A young carer is someone under the age of 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 and many young people do not realise they are young carers.

At Joseph Leckie Academy we are aware that some of our students are young carers. We know that young carers may need a little extra support to enjoy and do well at school. We are committed to ensuring that all students who are young carers are identified and supported effectively.

Children love their parents; many do amazing things for them and do it without complaint. All the more reason that we recognise all that they do, and try to support them in order to reduce the pressures of caring in any practical way possible.

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 bring 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 me on 01922 721071 to speak to me directly.

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

Yours sincerely

Marie De Rome

Marie De Rome Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Student's name: _____ Form group: _____

Does the student 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: (although not essential)

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

Yes No

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

Name: _____

Telephone number _____

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