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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to inform you about an important initiative that we are excited to relaunch at our school: the Young Carers Award Programme. It has been several years since we last engaged with this valuable programme, and we believe it is time to reinstate our commitment to supporting our young carers within the school community.

Young carers are children and young people who provide care and support to family members who are ill, disabled, or experiencing mental health challenges. This role can be both rewarding and demanding, often leading to additional responsibilities that may impact their education and well-being. Recognising the vital contributions of young carers is essential, as it not only acknowledges their efforts but also provides them with the support they need to thrive both at home and in school.

The Young Carers Award Programme aims to celebrate and support these remarkable individuals by providing them with opportunities to develop skills, access resources, and connect with peers who share similar experiences. We believe that by fostering an inclusive environment, we can help alleviate some of the pressures they face and empower them to succeed academically and personally.

To ensure we identify all young carers within our school, we kindly ask parents and guardians to complete the attached reply slip if your child is a young carer. This information will be passed to our Young Carers Champions – **Miss Bray and Miss Elvin**.

This information will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and will assist us in tailoring our support to meet the specific needs of our young carers. Your cooperation is crucial in helping us create a supportive framework for these students.

We are committed to making the Young Carers Award Programme a success and would greatly appreciate your support in this endeavour. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this initiative further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your attention and support in helping us relaunch this important programme.

Yours sincerely

Young Carers' School Operational Leads

Miss Bray and Miss Elvin

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Reply slip

Pupil's name: _____

Class: _____

Does the pupil have parents or other family members who are ill, disabled, or have a mental health problem or an addiction? 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