



FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Headteacher – Ms E Ellis BA, MA

1st December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Identifying and Supporting Young Carers at Fearnhill School

Following on from our recent student assembly, I would like to take the opportunity to relay to you one of the topics covered, and introduce myself.

At Fearnhill School 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 Fearnhill School we are committed to ensuring that all pupils who are young carers are identified, and supported effectively.

As Fearnhill's Young Carers Lead I 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 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 me on Rachel.flatman10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk or telephone 01462 621200 and ask for Student Support to speak to me directly.

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

Yours faithfully,

MS R Flatman
Young Carers' School Operational Lead

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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: _____

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