



Monksdown Primary School

where children come first

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Dear parent(s)/guardian(s),

Identifying and supporting young carers at Monksdown Primary School

We are committed to ensuring that all students get the support they need to have a positive school experience, are happy in school and can achieve their full potential.

We know that for some students, factors outside of school can have a big impact on this, particularly if there is someone in their family or a friend who is ill, disabled, or has a mental health problem or an addiction. We think in every class there could be as many as 2 pupils who are helping to support someone because of one of these factors – we call these students young carers.

Students can be young carers for lots of different reasons:

- They might be providing physical support to a parent with a physical illness such as fibromyalgia or ME, such as cooking, fetching things or helping with things like putting shoes on or doing the shopping
- They might be helping a parent with a disability who needs help with more personal tasks such as getting dressed, bathing or changing dressings
- Or it could be more emotional support – like being there if their autistic sibling is upset, taking responsibility for young siblings whilst parents attend health appointments, or checking that a parent with depression/anxiety is ok.

Some young carers might be doing lots of caring, others just a small amount but are impacted by the situation at home for example by worrying about the person with the health condition, or needing to do more things for themselves compared to other students.

There is lots of support available for young carers and their families should they ever need it – both inside and outside of school. We know that young carers may need a little extra support to enjoy and do well at school. At Monksdown Primary School we are committed to ensuring that all pupils who are young carers are identified, and supported effectively.

If you think that any of the above applies to your child, and that they might possibly be a young carer then contact Mrs Lawrenson (Young Carers Champion) or complete the reply slip below. Any information that is given to us will be treated sensitively and no information will be shared without your knowledge. Even if you feel your child or family are doing really well and don't need any support, we find that it's better for us to be aware and have them on our radar as potential young carers, in case the situation suddenly changes and they (or you) do need support. It just means that you and your child don't have to start from scratch with letting us know what is going on if things have become difficult.

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Yours sincerely

Young Carers' School Operational Lead: Mrs Lawrenson

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

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

Name: _____

Telephone/email address: _____

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