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Dear Parents/Carers,

Identifying and supporting young carers at Bredbury Green Primary School.

At Bredbury Green 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 over 750,000 young carers in the UK but many do not realise they are a young carer.

The school census, completed in January each year, now includes young carers. Codes must be allocated against each child's record to indicate whether they have caring responsibilities or not, and whether the information has been provided by parents or identified by school.

Young carers carry immense responsibility in providing care and support at home; but their own needs may remain 'hidden' from wider view. The increased pressures young carers have faced due to the pandemic has further highlighted the need to improve formal identification of this cohort in schools, understand their needs and to provide early help as outlined in statutory guidance on keeping children safe in education.

Working together to safeguard children also outlines how school and college staff should be particularly alert to the potential need of early help for students who have taken on caring responsibilities.

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

As Bredbury Green'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 Young Carers Lead. If you do not feel comfortable doing this, or have any further questions, please contact any of the Young Carers Champions on 0161 430 3078.

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

The school receives extra funding for each child/young person eligible for free schools meals, which can be put towards extra support and provision for young carers. It is therefore important that children are registered for free school meals, even if they do not want, or need the school meal. For more information on how this money is spent please visit the schools website.



Young Carers in Stockport are supported by Signpost Young Carers.

They are a charity who work with young people aged 6 to 25 in Stockport who care for a member of the family. They can offer support in the following ways:

- Centre Based Evening Groups
- Evening Activity Groups
- Short Breaks
- School Support service
- One to One sessions
- Family support service
- Play Therapy
- Counselling service

A referral to the service would be required if you feel your child would benefit from this. We can complete this referral for you if needed.

Yours sincerely

Helen Moorcroft

Mrs H Moorcroft
Headteacher

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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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