



Grove Academy
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Dear Parents/Carers

Identifying and supporting young carers at Grove Academy

At Grove Academy, 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 Grove Academy we are committed to ensuring that all pupils who are young carers are identified, and supported effectively, in order to make good progress. We are developing our provision for young carers and raising awareness of both staff and other pupils in this area.

If you think your child might be a young carer, or could be affected by any of the issues we have 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 01782 234550 to leave a message and I will contact you as soon as I am able.

If you have any ideas or suggestions about how we can do more as a school to support the young carers within our community, then please do not hesitate to contact me on the number above.

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

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Oakes

Community Safeguarding Officer and Young Carers School Operational Lead



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Young Carers identification by parents.

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)

Estimated total hours of caring each week (including emotional and physical care)

0-19 hours ☐ 20-49 hours ☐ 50+ hours ☐

Please provide details of caring tasks undertaken by the young person and the impact it has on them

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: _____

Please return your completed form in a sealed envelope addressed to :

J Oakes, Young Carers Lead



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