



2nd September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Identifying and Supporting Young Carers at Burwell Village College Primary School

At Burwell Village College, 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 Burwell, we are committed to ensuring that all pupils who are young carers are identified, and supported effectively. Therefore, we are planning to hold monthly voluntary group sessions, where 'Young Carers' will be able to take part in various activities. Young Carers will not be pressured to discuss their home life but the nurturing environment will enable them to do so if they wish.

If you think your child might be a 'Young Carer', or could be affected by any of the issues we have highlighted, please let us know by filling in the form below and bring it into school in a sealed envelope addressed for my attention, Mrs Hedley-Catley. If you have any further questions, please contact me via the School Office.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hedley-Catley
Young Carers Champion
Wellbeing Team

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Child's name/class: _____

Does the child 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 your child like to attend a monthly young carers group in school?

Yes

No

Would you like to receive more information about young carers?

Yes

No

Name of Parent / Carer giving permission: _____

Signature of Parent / Carer: _____

Date: _____

For office only:

Date of receipt _____