



Cardiff High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Identifying and supporting young carers at Cardiff High School

At Cardiff High 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 800,000 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 Cardiff High School we are committed to ensuring that all pupils who are young carers are identified, and supported effectively.

As the Young Carers' Senior Lead we have a 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 email me (VennA4@hwbcymru.net) or 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 sincerely

Alison Venn
Associate Assistant Headteacher
Cardiff High School

Reply slip

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

Current support the school could offer:

YMCA provide support for young carers in Cardiff and the Vale, here is a link to what they can offer and the contact details.

<http://www.ymcacardiff.wales/about/what-we-do/family-work/young-carers/>

email: CardiffYoungCarers@YMCAcardiff.wales

ValeYoungCarers@YMCAcardiff.wales

Carers of all ages are entitled to an assessment of need via the Local Authority, please see the link below;

<https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Social-Services-and-Wellbeing/Carers/Pages/default.aspx>

Family Gateway: 03000 133 133

www.Cardiff.gov.uk/carers

ContactFAS@cardiff.gov.uk

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

Name: _____

Telephone/email address: _____