



## HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

Hawridge and Cholesbury CE School have recently formed a partnership with Young Carers Bucks to provide support and raise awareness of young carers within our school and across the county.

Did you know that 1 in 12 young people have caring responsibilities? This may be due to a relative with a learning disability, physical disability, long term illness or mental health needs. Whilst we already know of some students who are young carers, we believe there may be more across our school who would benefit from the extra support we can provide.

The school are working in partnership with Young Carers Bucks to identify young carers, to raise awareness of the impact that being a young carer can have on individuals and to support the young carers who attend this school. This partnership involves assemblies, staff sessions and group work.

We have held an assembly with the whole school and are looking into the possibility of setting up a group specifically aimed at our young carers. We will be running the group with initial support from Laura Troll at Young Carers Bucks who will facilitate the planning and development of the group. The group will continue to be run by school staff with ongoing support from Young Carers Bucks. We will meet regularly to provide a support network for the Young Carers within the school environment. We plan to meet once every half term. The group will have a relaxed informal feel and we plan to play games and other activities with the focus on fun and getting to know each other.

Other schools in the area have already implemented a Young Carers school group into their school and have noticed the positive effect it has had on their children both emotionally and educationally.

If you know/think your child may be a young carer then please complete the attached slip and return to the school office. If you would like to have a chat with me to discuss things further please tick the box and I will get in touch with you. Please note that your child does NOT need to be registered with Young Carers Bucks to attend the group.

Please don't hesitate to contact me, if you have any questions or queries about the above.

Best wishes

Caroline Davey  
SENDCO

To: Mrs Davey, SENDCO

This is to inform you that (Please write student's name here) \_\_\_\_\_  
is a young carer and would like to be invited to the group.

I think my child might be a young carer and would like to discuss it further: (please tick)

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Name of student \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent/carers \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Many thanks