

Identifying and supporting young carers at Airedale Infant School

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Dear parent(s)/guardian(s),

At Airedale Infant School we are aware that some of our pupils may be 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 Airedale Junior School we are committed to ensuring that all pupils who are young carers are identified and supported effectively.

As Airedale Infant School'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 contacting me in the strictest confidence on 01977 556946 and asking for Linda Wells and I will go through the attached form with you.

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

Yours sincerely
Linda Wells
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Reply Slip Airedale Infant School

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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