



MAIDEN ERLEGH

SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Identifying and supporting Young Carers at Maiden Erlegh School

At Maiden Erlegh 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 be successful at school. At Maiden Erlegh we are committed to ensuring that all pupils who are young carers are identified and supported effectively.

As Maiden Erlegh's Young Carers' Champion I have the responsibility for ensuring all young carers are able to enjoy and be successful at school. 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.

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

The school receives extra funding for each child/young person eligible for free schools meals, which can be put towards extra support and provision for young carers. It is therefore important that children are registered for free school meals if they are entitled to them, even if they do not want, or need the school meal. Please contact me at school if you think you may be eligible.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at ke@maidenerleghschool.co.uk to speak to me directly.

Yours sincerely

Miss E Kelly
Young Carers Champion



(Please return this reply slip to Miss E Kelly via reception)

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Student Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Does the student 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.

Parent/Guardian Email/Telephone: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian) Date: _____