

# Crowmarsh Gifford C. E. Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## YOUNG CARERS PROJECT

By taking just a couple of moments of your time to read this letter, you could dramatically improve your child's education and future prospects.

There is a huge misconception that by identifying a child of your own as a young carer means you are a bad parent. Do you think alarm bells? Social Services? More stress?.....WRONG! Life and circumstances change all the time, we adapt our family life to be able to cope with the pressures of today's society. By recognising that your child may be a young carer, they can be well supported all the way through their education and into young adulthood.

I have been given the role of Young Carer Lead at Crowmarsh Gifford Church of England Primary School and feel really positive about helping the children. There are a few points that I would like to share with you:

- 6-12% of School Children are young carers, this could be as many as 2-3 children in each class. We have 7 classes at Crowmarsh School
- , I would love to help as many children here as possible.
- 30% of young carers are under 10 years olds, the majority of our children.
- Young carers have significantly lower educational attainment in GCSE's and are more likely to not be in education and training between the ages of 16-19. By identifying early, we can change this.
- Already 1500 young carers have been identified in Oxfordshire, there are so many more out there, please help us to help them.

"Young carers are children and young persons under the age of 18 who provide care, assistance or support to another family member." There are different levels of caring and can be both emotional and physical. Examples of caring roles can be to support someone with depression, substance misuse or someone with a physical or mental disability. **We are not here to judge, we are here to help.**

A young carers club will be starting soon, this will be time to just come and chill and do some fun activities. Do you think this may benefit your child? Let me know. Teaching staff are made aware of young carers and by highlighting this, we will ensure that they are supported in every way possible.

Please come in and have a chat with me or Mrs Barton if you think your child may be a young carer, all discussions will be treated in the strictest of confidence. No other agencies are contacted unless we

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have your full permission. Even if your child does not qualify as a young carer, perhaps the young carers club could still help them? More information on young carers can be found on the school website shortly under 'Parent Links'. You can also visit [www.spurgeons.org](http://www.spurgeons.org).

Please kindly fill out the slip below and return to the school office next week. If you would like to be contacted, you can return the slip in an envelope (available from the office) to ensure strict confidentiality.

You are very welcome to contact me directly if you have any queries through the school office for an informal chat and to see if we can help you and your child. Alternatively, Mrs Barton, as always, is available for parent/carers meetings.

Thank you.

Kind regards

Mrs C. Beckett

Young Carers Lead

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## YOUNG CARERS REPLY SLIP

Name of child .....

Class .....

### PLEASE TICK ONE AS APPROPRIATE

- I would like to find out more about young carers, **please contact me/I will contact the school** to arrange an informal chat \_\_\_\_
- I do not think my child is a young carer \_\_\_\_
- I do think my child is a young carer and should be a part of this group \_\_\_\_

Signed ..... Date .....

Name of Child:

Year Group:



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