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Dear parents/guardians,

Identifying and supporting young carers at Somerton Primary School

At Somerton Primary 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 Somerton Primary School we are committed to ensuring that all pupils who are young carers are identified, and supported effectively.

As the Young Carers' Leads, ALNCO Mrs L James and Deputy Head Teacher Mrs Rodda, 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 or Mrs Rodda. If you do not feel comfortable doing this, or have any further questions, please book an appointment in the Office to speak to me directly.

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

Parents can contact the school either by phone or e-mail the school directly on the following e-mail address: somerton.primary@newport.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,
Mrs L. James



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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

Would you like to know more about our support for families- 'Resilient Families', Nurture provision, access to ELSA programme, school based counselling and the work carried out by our Family Engagement Officer.

Yes No

The local authority provide support for young carers in Torfaen, here is a link to what they can offer and the contact details.

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/HealthSocialCare/Caring-for-Someone/Youngcarers-supportandadvice/Young-carers.aspx>

e-mail: socialcarecalltorfaen@torfaen.gov.uk

Tel: 01495 762200

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

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/HealthSocialCare/Caring-for-Someone/Carers-assessments/Carers-assessments.aspx>

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

Name: _____

Telephone/email address: _____