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Dear Parents/Carers

## Young Carers Market Rasen C of E Primary School

We are aware that we probably have a number of children in school who could be considered young carers. We know that nationally as many as one in 12 pupils could be young carers.

A young carer is a child under 18 who are caring unpaid for a family member or friend who is ill, frail, disabled or has mental health or addiction problems. This could include supporting a sibling who may have needs. They often take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that might normally be expected of an adult.

We know that unidentified and unsupported, young carers frequently experience difficulties in their education as a result of their caring role. Therefore, young carers may need a little extra support to enjoy and do well at school. At MRCPS we are committed to ensuring that all pupils who are young carers are identified and supported effectively.

Initially we would like to ensure we know who our young carers are and then work with families and children to see what additional support we can provide. This could be:

- A club in school to support young carers
- Having a name key person in school they can talk to if they needed to
- Additional educational support
- Signposting families to external support
- Visits or trips for young carers

If you think your child may be a young carer please complete the FORM below. Any information received will be treated sensitively and no information will be shared without your knowledge.

https://forms.office.com/e/j6xvPFP3MZ

Yours sincerely

Andrew Smith Executive Headteacher

Our Christian Values: Caring Honesty Commitment to Achieve Fairness Co-operation Respect













