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11th September 2019

Dear Colleague,

Young Carers and Transitions

A timely reminder that in the last academic year your school received a copy of a learning resource 'Identifying and Supporting Young Carers in School' produced by WSCC Young Carers Service. The resource aims to raise teachers' and pupils' awareness of young carers and help school staff with the identification and support of these young people. Young carers are known to do less well than their peers at school and are more likely to be bullied.

The resource contains easy to use sessions for staff training, teaching in lessons such as PSHE and school assemblies. The resource and related films are available to download online from the WSCC schools website at <http://schools.westsussex.gov.uk/Page/7645>.

Feedback from teachers using the resource:

'A good resource to use for internal training and helpful to keep available for staff to help guide them in how to respond to young carers.'

'It is clearly broken down into sections that can be easily done within a school setting. Use of session plans in school are clearly set out alongside use of DVD allowing children to better understand what a young carer is and may look like. The resource also allows school staff to become more young carer aware.'

Please ask your staff to take the time to familiarise themselves with this resource, to plan a lesson, assembly or staff training session for the new academic year and consider if there are any young carers with caring responsibilities that may need support.

Young carers do not always identify themselves as such. We therefore need school leadership teams, teachers and pastoral staff to take on the role of identifying, listening and supporting children in their school community and when necessary signposting them to specialist services.

Yours sincerely

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