



# St Martin's School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Identifying and supporting Young Carers at St Martin's School.

At St Martin's 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 mentally or physically unwell, frail, disabled or who misuses substances. They often take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult.*

Research suggests that there are **at least** 800,000 young carers in the UK but many do not realise they are a young carer. This means there could be 6 young carers in a class of 30.

We know that young carers may need a little extra support to enjoy and do well at school. At St Martin's, we are committed to ensuring that all pupils who are young carers are identified, and supported effectively.

As the Young Carer's Lead (Mrs L Jolliffe) I 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 returning it to school in a sealed envelope addressed to me. If you do not feel comfortable doing this, or have any further questions, please contact me on [jolliffel@stmartins.caerphilly.sch.uk](mailto:jolliffel@stmartins.caerphilly.sch.uk) or speak to me directly by calling the school.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Jolliffe

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**PLEASE RETURN TO MRS JOLLIFFE**

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 poor mental health or substance misuse? Please delete as appropriate:

Yes

No

If you wish, you can give further details here: (not required)

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Would you like more information about the types of support school provides to young carers?

Yes

No

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

<http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/Services/Services-for-adults-and-older-people/Caring-for-someone/Young-carers>

Phone: 0808 100 1727

Email: [intakeduty@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:intakeduty@caerphilly.gov.uk)

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

<http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/Services/Services-for-adults-and-older-people/Caring-for-someone/Carers-assessments>

Please provide a name and telephone number or email address so that we can contact you about support for your child:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number/email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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