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Dear Parents/Carers

Support for Young Carers

We are excited to announce that we are increasing support in our school for our students who are helping to care or look after one or more family members who have disabilities, long term physical illnesses, mental health difficulties or substance misuse issues.

We will be delivering assemblies to Year 7 to Year 10 students to raise their awareness about young carers, the issues they may face and the impact that caring can have on their lives and education.

Following the assemblies, we will be asking students to complete a short and simple questionnaire which will help us to identify where any support may be needed or wanted. Students will complete these questionnaires during tutor time. Following this, we will develop individual support for any identified young carers to ensure they can attend and achieve their best at school. We are also happy to offer information about financial support and other services that could help families affected by illness or disability.

There are at least **7000 young carers** in Sheffield who may need additional support to help them through some difficult issues and periods in their lives. As a school we are committed to supporting all our students and helping them to achieve their potential, and we hope that you will join us in welcoming this work in our school.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact the school to discuss this.

Yours faithfully,

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