



GHYLLGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

with Resource Base for Deaf Children

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Identifying and Supporting young carers at Ghyllgrove Primary School.

At Ghyllgrove Primary School, we are aware that some of our students are young carers. A young carer is someone under 18 who is caring unpaid for a family member 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 700,000 young carers in the UK but many do not realise that they are a young carer.

We know that young carers may need a little extra support to enjoy and do well at school. At Ghyllgrove primary school we are committed to ensuring that all students who are young carers are identified and supported effectively. We provide a Young Carers drop in session on a Monday lunchtime and a homework club on a Tuesday lunch time, both are situated in the Blueroom.

As part of the Ghyllgrove Young Carers Team 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 highlighted, please contact the Blueroom who are the Young Carers Operational leads or Mrs Patmore who is our SLT Young Carer lead on 01268 450067 requesting a referral form for the Essex Young Carers service to be sent out to you.

The Essex Young Carers service offer a confidential one-to-one support with a dedicated key worker in the area you live, including telephone support. Information, advice and guidance and assisting you to access other services to support you as a young carer. Training opportunities e.g. moving people safely, building confidence and self-esteem, fire safety and access to counselling services if needed.

Recreational activities to take you away from your caring role and meet other young carers and make new friends. Transition to adult carer services as you come up to 18.

Kind Regards
The Blueroom Team.

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