

WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Identifying and supporting Young Carers at Walpole Cross Keys Primary School.

A young carer is someone under 18 who is caring (unpaid) for a family member or friend 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 800,000 young carers in the UK but many do not realise they are a young carer. We know that young carers may need a little extra support to enjoy and do well at school.

Our school is committed to ensuring that all pupils who are young carers are identified, and supported effectively. At Walpole Cross Keys Primary School, I have the pleasure of leading our young carer group and actively ensure all young carers are able to enjoy school and feel supported.

At Walpole Cross Keys Primary School we are extremely proud to hold a Young Carers in Schools Award.

Within school Young Carers are offered additional support should they need it;

- Weekly lunchtime support groups
- Pastoral support and advice
- Emotional and mental health support
- Young Carer events throughout the academic year: Sports events, Movie and pizza nights, Arts and Crafts.

If you think your child might be a young carer, or could be affected by any of the issues I have highlighted, please do not hesitate to contact me at: g.scott@westnorfolkacademiestrust.co.uk or 01553 828680.

Yours sincerely

Mrs G Scott

Pastoral and Attendance Support

Young Carers Lead