



Dear Parents/Carers,

Identifying and supporting young carers at Open Box Education Centre

At Open Box Education Centre, we are aware that some of our students are young carers. A young carer is someone under the age of 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 that there are at least 700,000 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. At Open Box Education Centre, we are committed to ensuring that all students who are young carers are identified and supported effectively.

As the Young Carers Lead for Open Box Education Centre, we have the responsibility for ensuring all young carers can 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 us know by filling in the attached form and returning to school in a sealed envelope addressed to Samantha Hutton. If you do not feel comfortable doing this, or have any further questions, please contact us by email at admin@openboxeducation.org.uk or to speak to us directly please call 01992 577300.

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

Yours faithfully,

Samantha Hutton
Young Carers Lead

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Notification of a Young Carer

Student's name:	
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Does the student have parents or other family members who have a long-term illness or disability, or who are affected by mental ill-health or substance misuse?	Yes	No
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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 the school provides for young carers?	Yes	No
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Please provide a name and telephone number or email address so that we can contact you:	
Name:	Telephone/email address: