

7th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Young Carers

As part of the statutory requirement from the Government and DfE, school must complete three School Census submissions (October, January & May) and one Workforce Census (November) per year and the information collected changes for each Census.

This January, the Census has added a new section and will be collecting information on any Young Carers within school to enable the Government in conjunction with Local Authorities to look at the future needs and support systems that will be required to support Young Carers.

The definition of a Young Carers is:

A young carer is someone aged 25 and under who cares for a friend or family member who, due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction, cannot cope without their support.

If your child falls under this category, please can you complete the form on Weduc or email the school office, office@meadowfield.kent.sch.uk with the following information:

- Name of Pupil
- Who the pupil is a Young Carer for ie mum, dad, sibling etc
- What type of support the pupil provides for the person
- Roughly how many hours support the pupil provides per day
- Does the pupil attend any Young Carer support groups?

Please be assured that this information collection will not affect you or your family in any way it is purely to assist with future funding and support of the Young Carer network system.

Thank you for your support and if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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