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Dear parents and carers,

**Re: Young Carers Award**

This year William Harding formed a partnership with Young Carers Bucks to provide support and raise awareness of young carers within our school and across the county. We are thrilled to say we have been given a gold award in recognition of the fantastic support we offer our Young Carers.

We have been working hard to identify young carers, to raise awareness of the impact that being a young carer can have on individuals and to support the young carers who attend this school. This partnership involves assemblies, staff sessions and group work to support the children. It is important for the children to be able to share their experiences with other young carers and know that they are not the only ones dealing with situations like theirs.

Did you know that 1 in 12 young people have caring responsibilities? This may be due to a relative with a learning disability, physical disability, long term illness or mental health needs. Whilst we already know of some pupils who are young carers, there may be more across our school who would benefit from the extra support we can provide.

As recognition for the great work we have been doing to support our young carers, we were invited to attend an awards ceremony last week. We are thrilled to say that we were presented with a Gold Award for the fabulous support we have been providing our pupils. Mrs Lambourne, who supports the young carers, and 15 pupils from the school went along to the awards ceremony. They said that they had a fantastic time and they represented the school incredibly well.

I'm sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Lambourne for the support she has been providing this year.

If you feel that your child is a young carer, please contact Mrs Lambourne or a member of the FLO Team to discuss. Please note that your child does NOT need to be registered with Young Carers Bucks to attend the group in school. If they are registered with Young Carers Bucks, they will also get access to additional trips, youth club type opportunities and events outside of school time so it may be worth registering your child with them as well.

Kind regards,

Mrs Skinner

Inclusion, Pastoral and Safeguarding Lead

**Our School Values are: Inclusion, Perseverance, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and Collaboration.**

