

Dear Parent/Carers,

Identifying and supporting young carers at The Bromfords School and Sixth form College.

At The Bromfords 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 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 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 The Bromfords School we are committed to ensuring that all students who are young carers are identified and supported effectively.

As Bromfords Young Carers' Lead I have 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 we have highlighted, please contact the school on 01268 471 201 requesting a form to be sent out to you.

If you do not feel comfortable doing this or have any further questions, please contact me at briffautl@bromfords.essex.sch.uk or ask to speak to Mrs Causton, Admin Team Leader, on the above telephone number. Please return the form in a sealed envelope addressed to me.

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

The school receives extra funding for each child/young person eligible for free schools meals, which can be put towards extra support and provision for young carers. It is therefore important that children are registered for free school meals, even if they do not want, or need the school meal. For more information on how this money is spent please visit the schools website www.bromfords.essex.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Lorraine Briffaut
Young Carers' School Operational Lead

Young Carers' Information

FAO Mrs Lorraine Briffaut

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Student's name: Form group:.....

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

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 to young carers?

Yes No

Please provide a name and telephone number or email address so that we can contact you.

Name:

Telephone/email address: