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Dear Parents & Carers

Haydon Abbey School have partnered up with Young Carers Bucks to provide support and raise awareness of young carers within our school and across the community.

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 students who are young carers, we believe there may be more across our school who would benefit from the extra support we can provide in partnership with Young Carers Bucks.

The school are working in partnership with Young Carers Bucks to identify young carers, raise awareness of the impact that being a young carer can have on individuals and to support the young carers who attend Haydon Abbey School. This partnership involves assemblies, staff sessions and group work.

We have held an assembly with the whole school and we currently run an after-school club specifically aimed at supporting our young carers. The group is run by school staff with ongoing support from Young Carers Bucks. We meet regularly to provide a support network for the Young Carers within the school environment. The club has a relaxed informal feel and we enjoy taking part in games, sports, crafts and other activities with the focus on fun and getting to know each other.

Other schools in Buckinghamshire that have implemented a Young Carers school group have noticed the positive effect it has had on their children both emotionally and educationally.

If you know or think your child may be a young carer then please contact myself or Mrs Silka Pawelczyk via the school office. If you would like to have a chat with me to discuss things further, please contact myself via the office. Please note that your child does NOT need to be registered with Young Carers Bucks to be added to our Young Carers list.

Please don't hesitate to contact me, if you have any questions or queries about the above.

Best wishes

Mrs Lynette Williamson
Young Carer Lead

