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Dear Parent/Carer

The Lumen Learning Trust believes that all children have the right to an education, regardless of what is happening at home. When a child's life is affected by looking after someone at home he or she may need additional support to help ensure their learning is not adversely affected. All schools within the Trust work to actively identify young carers and we ask that parents support this by alerting us if their child has any caring role for someone at home by completing the attached application form.

The definition of a young carer is taken from The Lumen Learning Trust Young Carer policy - full details of which can be found on the Lumen website.

"A young carer is a child under 18 years of age whose life is affected by looking after someone at home. They carry out tasks and responsibilities which are additional to those appropriate for their age. The person they care for may be a parent, sibling or grandparent and the care they give may be physical and/or emotional. The person they look after may have one of more of the following:

- Physical disability
- Mental health issues
- Learning difficulties
- Entrenched substance misuse problems
- Long-term or chronic illness

The level of responsibility assumed by a young carer is often inappropriate to their age and at a level beyond simply helping out with jobs at home, which is a normal part of growing up. Responsibilities may include:

- Personal care (e.g. bathing, dressing, feeding)
- Giving or prompting medication/injections
- Shopping
- Housework
- Emotional support
- Looking after younger siblings
- Budgeting and paying bills"

If you have any further questions please contact the school office or Catherine Webb, Home School Link Worker and young carer champion.

Kind regards

School Office

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