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Dear Parent/carer,

We are delighted that Fishergate School has achieved a Bronze Young Carers in Schools Award!

Young carers are responsible for emotional, practical or physical care for a parent, sibling or other family member who has a physical disability, mental health issue or substance misuse issue. The 2011 Census statistics revealed that there are just over 166,000 young carers in England, but research reveals that this is just the tip of the iceberg. The true figure could be closer to 700,000 young carers in England, equivalent to one in 12 school children, many of whom are unrecognised and unsupported.

But not at Fishergate!

Miss Atkinson and Mrs Cole have worked especially hard to make this initiative a success. We have succeeded because we committed as a staff and governing body to raising awareness of the challenges faced by young carers, and providing support within school.

The Carers Trust has also asked that our work be used as an example of best practice on their website.

There is more that we can do for young carers at our school, and we will continue to work hard to develop support for them, as we do for all our pupils.

Thank you for supporting our efforts

Dani Rees

Deputy Headteacher