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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Young Carers

All schools are required by the Department for Education, as part of our School Census, to collect data that highlights students who are Young Carers.

A young carer is someone under the age of 18 who provides care for a family member or members who have a **physical or mental illness, a disability, or substance misuse issues**. As many as 1 in 5 children and young people in the UK are young carers.

The first year of School Census data relating to young carers was released in June 2023. The data showed significant underreporting of the number of young carers in schools across the UK.

It is imperative that any child, who is classed as a young carer, receives the necessary support available to help them achieve their full potential in school.

In order to ensure that our records are up to date, if your child is a young carer, please could you complete the form using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/BEC78HKU7X>

If you would like any further information on the support available for young carers at King Edward VI School, and also the Local Authority, please email [office@keslichfield.org.uk](mailto:office@keslichfield.org.uk) or visit [www.staffordshiretogetherforcarers.org.uk](http://www.staffordshiretogetherforcarers.org.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss K Hinz.

Assistant Head Teacher