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Dear parent(s)/guardian(s),

Identifying and supporting young carers at South Molton United Church of England Primary School.

At South Molton United C of E Primary School we are aware that some of our pupils 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 South Molton United C of E Primary School we are committed to ensuring that all pupils who are young carers are identified, and supported effectively.

As South Molton United C of E Primary School's 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've highlighted, please let me know by filling in the form below and bringing it into school in a sealed envelope addressed to me. If you do not feel comfortable doing this, or have any further questions, please contact me on [dmoir@smups.devon.sch.uk](mailto:dmoir@smups.devon.sch.uk) or 01769 572656 to speak to me directly.

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

Yours sincerely

Mr O'Donnell and Mrs Moir