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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to inform you that The de Ferrers Academy has been awarded the Young Carers in Schools Bronze Award by the Carers Trust and The Children's Society.

The Carers Society are keen for us to make all parents/carers aware of the misconceptions of what being a young carer entails and why it is important that you make the academy aware if/when your child falls into this category so they can be added to the young carers register.

Being a young carer does not mean that your child has to carry out any particular caring role (although this may be the case), but simply that their day to day life may be affected because someone in the household or a close relative has a physical or mental illness, is ill for a period of time, or is even recuperating from an operation. With this in mind students often move on and off the register during their time in secondary school.

The Carers Trust believe that 1 in 5 secondary school students are young carers and that schools should be made aware by families so that they can offer the support needed within the academy day. This may be a person to talk to if they are worried, or provision made for students to ring/text home when needed. There may be times when it is difficult for students to concentrate or to complete homework tasks and, when necessary, we can support a referral to the Staffordshire Carers Team when extra support is needed for the student or for the family.

Young carers are remarkable young people who often don't realise that what they are doing day to day is extraordinary and they deserve to be recognised and supported to reach their full potential.

If you feel that your child is a young carer under these parameters, or would like more information then please contact the academy at [youngcarers@deferrers.com](mailto:youngcarers@deferrers.com). All information will be treated sensitively in order to support your child in the best way possible.

Yours Sincerely,



Sarah Glover  
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