

## Step 2

# Tool 5: Survey to assess levels of school staff understanding and confidence in meeting young carers' needs

### Purpose

This form is designed to be used by schools to gather evidence on the level of staff understanding and confidence in identifying and supporting young carers. It will help you identify training needs and prioritise next steps.

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# Young Carers in Schools – Staff Survey

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Young Carers' School Operational Lead: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed form to: \_\_\_\_\_

A young carer is a person under 18 who looks after someone in their family or a friend who is ill, disabled, or has a mental health problem or an addiction. Young carers experience particular challenges that impact on their capacity to engage in learning.

We are looking to develop our provision to meet young carers' needs effectively. As a key first step, we are carrying out a baseline survey with staff members to help us to identify training needs and prioritise next steps.

Please complete and return the questionnaire. We aim to improve staff understanding and confidence in meeting the needs of young carers during the school year and encourage you to provide answers that are an honest and fair reflection of your current understanding about young carers. The surveys are anonymous and responses will only be seen by the Young Carers' School Operational Lead.

## My role in the school is best described as (please circle):

School Governor	Head Teacher	Senior Leadership Team	Middle Leader
Teacher	Support Staff - Teaching	Support Staff - Other	

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Please indicate how far you agree with the statement on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest

		1	2	3	4	5
1	I understand who young carers are and what responsibilities they may have at home					
2	I understand what impact caring responsibilities can have on young carers' physical health, emotional wellbeing and socialisation					
3	I understand what barriers young carers may face in their education					
4	I know how support from school can improve the outcomes of a young carer					
5	I know how to take a proactive approach to identifying young carers					
6	I know how to meet the needs of young carers as part of my role in the school					
7	I know how to refer/signpost young carers to other support such as the school nurse and local young carers service					
8	I am confident that I know how and when it is appropriate to discuss a pupil's caring responsibilities with them.					
9	I understand the roles and responsibilities of all school staff in identifying and supporting young carers					

Any further comments you would like to make or questions you have:

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