



**The Care Collective**

**Gwent Carers Hub**

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Dear Victoria Smith,

We at The Care Collective have been working closely with Eveswell Primary School on the Young Carers in Schools Programme since 2019. The Programme works with the school to ensure staff and students understand, are informed, can identify, support and listen to the needs of Young Carers. This has been done in a variety of ways with key support and oversight from Victoria Smith, who supports young carers alongside other members of the staff team. The school have achieved all stages of the accreditation, 'The Basics', 'Beyond the Basics' and 'Best Practice'.

'Best Practice' was achieved in November 2021; the school are now working towards re-submitting their 'Best Practice' evidence, which ensures young carers are receiving continued, embedded support.

Staff have been trained in identifying young carers, to understand who the Operational Lead is within the school and where the students can access support. The school regularly communicates with families and students, sharing information about the local Young Carers Service and signposting to external support available. The school have a linked Governor, who can ensure the importance of identifying and supporting young people with caring responsibilities as a whole school commitment. There are a variety of ways in which Eveswell Primary School assess the students' wellbeing, some of these include: face to face meetings, ELSA, nurture support, tracking attendance and attainment data using provision maps, one-page profiles and listening to their learners. The school have also included Young Carers in the School Partnership document with their Federation School, Somerton Primary, as a main priority.

Eveswell Primary School have championed the Young Carers in Schools Programme and the resources and information that has been provided by The Care Collective is being used effectively to ensure young carers are being understood, informed, identified, supported and listened to. We look forward to continuing to work with them and support them in achieving their re-submission of the accreditation; showcasing the amazing practice in place to support vulnerable learners, with a focus on Young Carers.

Kind regards,

The Young & Parent Carer Team