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Armed Forces Service Child

Dear Parent/Carers,

At Ralph Butterfield Primary School, we have an increasing number of children joining us from an Armed Forces family. We enjoy welcoming children from Armed Forces families and we celebrate the breadth of life experiences that all of our children bring with them, from their diverse backgrounds.

I am writing today to ensure that our Service children's families know that I am here to help provide any additional support e.g. pastoral / transition that your child/children may need.

I personally have experience of being a military wife, with a husband who served in the Armed Forces for many years; both my children were Service children, moving schools due to postings. My daughter is now grown up and a member of the Armed Forces herself. With these experiences, I have gained first hand insight, not only into the challenges Service children may face, but also into the positive characteristics and qualities they display.

Our aim at Ralph Butterfield Primary School, is to raise the profile of Service children within the school, provide an extra layer of pastoral support as required and be the point of contact for Service-related issues. I am also the link with the Service families' liaison officer and will share with yourself any information from them.

Please continue to refer any general school matters to your child/ren's class teacher in the first instance and I will be available to offer an extra layer of support for any Armed Forces related support, which you, or your child may require.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Stephenson
Acting Headteacher

