

FORCES, FRIENDS & THE FUTURE

SOME ISSUES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO US



It can be difficult to keep in touch with different friendship groups when moving to different places



Not being singled out, is there a buddy system to help Military Service children connect at school?

**Worries about the next school, will it be as good?
Am I going to the best school I possibly could?**

I want to understand more about my parents roles

Worries about starting new schools, making new friends and being left out of games or activities

Missing the friends you move away from, worrying you'll eventually lose contact and finding out the best ways to stay in touch

Will your teachers understand that when your parents are home you might not hand in homework on time because you want to spend all the time you can with your family?

People don't know how hard it is to say goodbye



It's difficult to talk about in school, we would like to have a specific person to go to when we need to talk



Civilians don't understand how it feels to have a parent in the Armed Forces or how to talk about it

WHAT DO WE WANT AS ARMED FORCES KIDS?

Socialise with kids who are not from Armed Forces backgrounds.

Ask your school for help with any gaps in your education.

Ask your school for support and advice when you move to/from an area.

Attend clubs dedicated to Armed Forces kids if you are struggling.

Don't treat Armed Forces kids any different to other kids.

Don't assume things about Armed Forces kids situations.

Schools need to treat Armed Forces kids like "normal" kids, but have support available.

Don't be scared, everyone is friendly - you just need to ask.