

Supporting Bereaved Forces children



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Our Mission:

To provide relief from the effects of bereavement to young people who have experienced the death of a parent who has served with the Armed Forces of the Crown.

OUR PROMISES:

1. Access to the very best emotional health and wellbeing support.
2. Outstanding development opportunities.
3. The chance to smile again.

We support children, young people and young adults aged 0-24 years inclusive.

Our **MEMBERS** and **SPRINGBOARDERS**.



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Our programmes:

SMILES: Fun and Engagement

SUPPORT: Emotional & wellbeing support

STRIDES: Education and Development

SPRINGBOARD: 18-25 programme



Military life:

- Deployments / Absences
- Separation – being a single parent temporarily
- Adjustment back into family life
- Frequent house moves
- Changing schools



RISK Children will worry about their parent going to work and being at risk of death. Knowing the risk doesn't prepare them if it happens.

Military death: Serving personnel

- Being informed of the death (Formal processes – Joint Casualty & Compassionate Centre JCCC)
- Visiting Officer appointed
- Repatriation of the Body (if death overseas)
- Public Awareness and Media Attention
- Funeral (Military)
- Inquest and Service Inquiry



Military death:

- Adjusting to a parent not returning from deployment
 - Moving house
 - Changing schools and saying goodbye to friends
 - Loss of military connection and community
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- In the line of a duty –v- other causes of death
 - Family and the public perception around ‘an honourable death’ if killed in action
 - Serving –v- Veteran
 - Financial implications (e.g. if death is in service)



Recent conflicts: issues for children

- War, Conflict and Terrorism
- Shock, Trauma and Anxiety
- Extensive media coverage & 'Fake News'
- Public opinion "*They died in vain*"
- Questions about purpose and justification, e.g. Troops withdrawal from Afghanistan (2021)
- The 'EMEMY' e.g. the Taliban
- Concern that troops from the UK will be deployed
- Remembrance of the Sacrifice
- Impact in education (School subjects - PSHE, Books and Exams)



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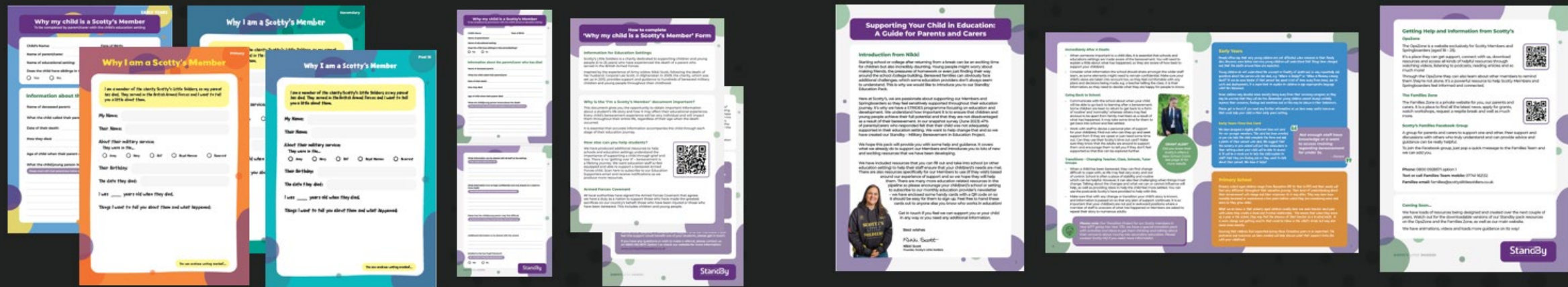
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StandBy

MILITARY BEREAVEMENT IN EDUCATION



Scan here to subscribe to Scotty's Little Soldiers' education providers' email to keep updated on our work and resources we produce to help you support bereaved Forces children and young people aged 0-25.



The collage displays several key documents from the StandBy resource pack:

- Why my child is a Scotty's Member:** A form for parents to complete to register their child as a member.
- Why I am a Scotty's Member:** A form for members to complete, detailing their military service and bereavement.
- How to complete 'Why my child is a Scotty's Member' Form:** A guide explaining the purpose and completion of the membership form.
- Supporting Your Child in Education: A Guide for Parents and Carers:** A comprehensive guide for parents and carers on how to support their child's education.
- Getting Help and Information from Scotty's:** A guide for parents and carers on how to access support and resources from Scotty's.

Supporting bereaved families children:

Please get in touch if you know any families who could benefit from the support of Scotty's Little Soldiers

0800 092 8571 (Option 1)

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Supporting bereaved military children:

Will you take the Scotty's Pledge to support bereaved military children?

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The charity for bereaved military children and young people

