

Notification of parental deployment form

It is normal for children and young people from Armed Forces families to experience changes in behaviour, and become unsettled at school, when one of their parents goes away for any length of time.

i If your child's school knows that a parent is absent, and what changes to look out for, they will be better able to support the child if they are unsettled.

i Schools are busy places and although you can tell teachers/ school offices verbally, your child is much more likely to get the support they deserve if you give them this information in writing.

Parents and carers are encouraged to complete and return this form to their child's school in advance of any parental deployments or absences (such as training).

Child's name:	
About their class: <small>(Teacher/Pupil support name/year)</small>	Parent who will be away (Deployment/training):

About the deployment or training

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Start month:	Length:	Date of R&R: <small>(if known/applicable)</small>
What type of contact your child is likely to have with their parent:		Changes in behaviour you think your child might display:

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What do you know that would specifically help your child at this time?

Child's name:

Armed Forces children and young people respond well when they are included and consulted in the changes that are affecting them. If you think your child would find it helpful you can ask them to complete/help you complete this section.

What do you want your teacher to know that will help them to understand?

What should they know about how you might be feeling while mum or dad is away?

Are there any times of the day when you would most like someone around you?

Is there anything you **do not** want them to say to you/ask you?

My child wants you to know:

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I would like my child to receive in-school support if and/or when needed (with feelings/emotions, schoolwork, friends, and information I have provided on this form).

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Parent contact details

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Child's name:	
Your name: <small>(Parent or Carer)</small>	Relationship to child:
Your telephone/mobile:	Your email address:
Signed:	Date:

Alternative contact details

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During periods of deployment and/or training, as lone parents on the patch (SFA) or in the wider community, we are encouraged to identify another parent as a support contact for childcare and emergencies. This is especially important if a member of the extended family is not available.

Name: <small>(Parent or Carer)</small>	Relationship to child:
Telephone/mobile:	Email address:
Signed:	Date:

DATA PROTECTION

To the Headteacher and support staff receiving this form:

Please treat this information in confidence while at the same time making sure that all professional educators involved in the ongoing education and support of the above named child or young person are made aware of it and are sensitive to the challenges that both child and parent are going through at this time.

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