## 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

buddy system to help Military Service children connect at school?

Not being singled out, is there a

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

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

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.

Don't treat Armed Forces kids any different to other kids. Attend clubs dedicated to Armed Forces kids if you are struggling.

Don't assume things about Armed Forces kids situations.

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

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



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