



Bishop Wordsworth's School

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Dear Parents / Guardians

RE: SUPPORT FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

I would like to introduce myself as the Forces Liaison Officer for Bishop Wordsworth's School. This role was created to support our serving military families, which currently make up 10% of our student population.

I have 18 years' experience of being in a military family, so I understand the highs and lows that military life brings for both parents and children.

Throughout the year I will be 'checking in' with pupils from military families to see how they're getting on and if there are any worries or issues they would like to discuss. I also run a Forces Club on Wednesday lunchtimes where pupils from all year groups can come together and chat about their experiences, or simply play card or board games and get to know others in similar circumstances.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss anything relating to your child e.g. anxiety about an upcoming posting or deployment, or anything you would like us to be aware of regarding their welfare or education.

I can be reached on the main school number: 01722 333851 or by email: kbs@bishopwordsworths.org.uk.

Kind regards,

Mrs Kate Bazire-Smith

Pastoral Support Officer – Years 7 & 8 / DDSL

Forces Liaison Officer