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Service Families Newsletter – Autumn Term

Welcome to the first Service Families Newsletter of this school year. The aim of this newsletter is to make sure you are aware of some of the resources available online, in school and through the RAF High Wycombe HIVE to support children with a parent on deployment and also during times of transition.

A very warm welcome to the families that have joined us this term. I hope you enjoy your time here with us. Many thanks for your suggestions via the New Starter Parent Questionnaires, unfortunately producing a welcome pack and brochure would be a costly exercise for the school. I understand that for many of you, a visit to the school prior to your child joining us is not always possible so we have been busy working on our school website in order to provide you with as much information as possible, including a comprehensive uniform list.

We currently have several families in school where a parent is deployed, and we always ask that you make us aware of any deployments, either through myself, your child's class teacher or the school office. We can then make sure your child is supported where necessary. Children are given the opportunity to send letters, pictures and e-mails to their deployed parent so please pass details of e-mail and BFPO addresses on to us also.

Tracey Clark is the HIVE Information Officer at RAF High Wycombe, (the HIVE is located in the building on the left as you enter 3 site). Tracey has access to several deployment based resources such as colour-in pillow cases, memory jars and activity based books. Tracey and her team can also offer support to Service families during times of need and are also responsible for organising deployed activities. Tracey can be contacted on 01494 497831.

BFPO have announced their last posting dates for Christmas. Details can be found via the RAF Families Federation website: <https://www.raf-ff.org.uk/publications> which also features the latest update on the Future Accommodation Model (FAM). In short, the FAM pilot scheme which was due to start in December, has now been postponed until 2019.

A big 'thank you' to those of you who responded to my request for information regarding the affects of Service life on you and your children. We have now submitted our bid via the MOD Education Support Fund for funding to make improvements to our playground. We should know the outcome by mid-January 2019.

Kind Regards

Julie Spinks, Family Liaison Officer

If you would like any resources to support your child whilst a parent is on deployment, please get in touch with either myself (via the school office) or Tracey Clark at the HIVE.



