

Alverstoke Infant School



23rd April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We are aware that there is a sizable naval deployment coming up, affecting a number of families. We understand that deployment can be difficult for children, especially if it is for an extended time. As always, we are keen to support our service children, so please let us know if you have a family member involved in this deployment by completing and returning the slip below.

Mrs McEwan is our Service Link person and she will be able to support children in the following ways using our Service Pupil Premium:

- We have some 'mini monsters' for the children to have – one to go away, one to stay home! These can be used in photos to keep in touch and to be shared in class.
- Service children's club will be re-starting this term and will take place outdoors and during school hours to be Covid safe. All children will take part unless you let us know otherwise.
- If children are struggling emotionally when a parent is away, they can have support sessions in the nurture room where they will be able to talk about their worries and be given strategies to manage their emotions.
- We hope to track the ships around the world as part of a geography focus. Photos of the mini monsters on their travels will help with this. The children can help us teach their classmates about the travels.
- We will help the children to send emails to their deployed parent about what is happening at school so that they can tell them about topic work, activities etc.

Kind regards

Steph Greenwood
Headteacher

Name of child:

Name of family member who is deployed:

Name of ship:

Are you happy to be involved in the project to send us photos of the mini monsters and emails?
What email address should we use for this?

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Any other information: