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Dear Parents / Carers

I would like to use this opportunity to write to you and introduce myself. I am Mrs Houston and I am the current Service Student Support Worker here at Outwood Academy Ripon. I am new to the role however have been with the Academy since Easter 2017.

I come from a forces background and now have 10 years' experience moving around as a forces family which has included a posting abroad and several postings within the UK. I have two young children so I am aware of the challenges that can be faced when moving frequently and settling into new schools.

I will be working closely with Annabel Hall who is our Service Pupils' Champion for North Yorkshire. My aim is to support all the service students both in and out of lesson time, provide mentoring and be that friendly face when needed. I would also like to get the 'HMS Heroes' club back up and running, hoping that we can meet one morning a week before school. It is not compulsory, but it would be lovely to see new faces and to get lots of activities and fundraising organised, focusing on events such as Armed Forces Day and Remembrance.

One of our responsibilities is to monitor service students. Please complete the form at the bottom of this letter and return to me in the Hub as soon as possible. A further note will be sent out to students soon, with details of our meet and greet event. This will give me a chance to introduce myself to the students, give them information about HMS Heroes and explain my role within Outwood.

I look forward to getting to know you all over the coming months.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Houston
Service Student Support Worker

Please complete the slip below and return to Mrs Houston in the HUB as soon as possible.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of _____

- I / We are still serving in the Armed Forces
- I / We have left the Armed Forces - date of leaving _____