



**'Great to be Inspired, Inspired to be Great'**

## ***A Service Pupil Promise***

Here at Dunmore Primary School, we have strong links with the Army due to our close proximity to Dalton Barracks, Abingdon. Mrs Platt is our Family Liaison Officer and Service Children's Champion.

Our school community is directly impacted by Armed Forces life, either as a serving military family, a friend to a military child or a co-worker with military family, sharing classroom experiences with them in our school. Many of our children have experienced life in other countries with their serving families bringing a wealth of lived adventures to our school community. We at Dunmore, thrive to support our serving families as they journey through their education with us.

Moving schools, house and sometimes country can be difficult. As part of our commitment to supporting service children achieve their full potential, part of our school admission process is to contact previous schools for a full curriculum breakdown. This way we can support filling curriculum gaps and timetabling pastoral support so that the impact on new learning is limited.

### ***Here at Dunmore Primary School, we promise to:***

- ❖ Make sure service children have a voice in our school
- ❖ Give service children who join our school a buddy to help them learn about the school, how to find their way around and be a welcoming friend
- ❖ Support service children when their family members are away
- ❖ Hold regular coffee mornings for service families to attend
- ❖ Celebrate being a service child through enrichment days and activities, such as Month of the Military Child etc.
- ❖ Find ways to share what service life is like with non-service pupils and staff through the school website, newsletters, staff meetings etc.
- ❖ Signpost teachers to training to help them understand what it is like to be a service child and how they can help you
- ❖ Train our Service Children's Champion so they can support in the best way possible
- ❖ Make links within the service community (via our Army Welfare Service representative) and collaborate with other schools in the Abingdon Partnership to support our service families

### ***Service Children, this promise is for you because we want you to know that you are heard in our school:***

Tell your families, if they are going away on operational deployment, a training exercise or a course for an extended period, to please complete the deployment form available on our website or from our school office.