



Dear Parent / Carer

## **Service Child Support – 2019-20**

I have put together a support package for our students again this year that involves general support, mentoring, trips, fundraising opportunities, rewards and challenges. The motivation behind the support package has come from student and parental requests. If you have any suggestions please let me know.

I have already met with all our new students. Year 7 students have had an induction into our systems. They are excited about the plans we have for this year. Year 8 and Year 9 students have been reminded of the systems in place to support them and I have given some motivational challenges. Over the coming months I will meet again with all KS3 students to ensure that all is running smoothly. I have met with all KS4 students to address concerns, support their resilience, and develop useful exam revision approaches and skills. I will meet with them again after their progress checks and mock exams to support them further.

I am always available to students via email and they can come to see me in Hu7 if they need to talk.

Our Mentor training will take place throughout the year so we are continuing to increase our ability to support each other.

Our KS3 funded residential will take place on 24–26 April 2020. I will be issuing more information about that soon.

## **How can you help me to help the young people?**

It is always useful to know about deployments, as well as pre and post tour leave, as that enables me to ensure that appropriate support is available and holidays are correctly authorised. Likewise, if there is anything else that may be impacting upon your child/ren, please let me know so I can ensure appropriate support is available. Please use my email for contact. It is always the most direct system. [twilkins@plymstockschool.org.uk](mailto:twilkins@plymstockschool.org.uk)

Finally, to alleviate any confusion, please be aware that retirement from the Services does not end your child's entitlement to Service Child status; they remain classed as such for 5 years. Therefore if you were a member of the Services when your child entered Year 7 they will remain a Service Child until Year 11.

Please do contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Tracy Wilkins  
**Service Children Co-ordinator**