

Dear Parent / Carer

### **Service Child Support – 2020-21 – UPDATE**

I have put together a different support package for our students this year that fits with current restrictions. The system involves general support, mentoring, 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.

Year 7 students have had the new support systems explained and were issued with an induction pack and a challenge.

All students have been reminded about my contact details and have been added to a Satchel One Group where I can be contacted. I also set challenges and competitions.

Over the coming months I will be available through Satchel One and email to address concerns, support resilience and check that all is running smoothly.

I am always available to students via email and Satchel One if they need to talk.

Our Mentor training is currently on hold, as it requires cross year group meetings which are not possible at present.

I am looking into other ways that can increase our ability to support each other.

### **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 absences 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

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**Service Children Co-ordinator**