BOURNE ELSEA PARK CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

SCHOOL CENSUS - SERVICE CHILDREN

Three times a year we have a statutory duty to submit a census of the children on roll at Bourne Elsea Park and this determines the funding that we receive.

One of the elements that we are asked to record in our Autumn census is whether or not a child is classed as a 'service child'. The DfE definition of a service child is:

A 'service child' has parent(s), or person(s) with parental responsibility, who is/are service personnel serving:

- in regular HM Forces military units
- full commitment as part of the full-time reserve service
- in the armed forces of another nation and stationed in England

Please note that reserve units are not classed as the regular armed forces and such pupils are not recorded as service children on the school census. However, where a reserve soldier is acting in a full-time capacity, this is classified as regular service.

The service children indicator is only relevant to children whose parents are designated as personal category 1 or 2. Parents/carers of service children will be fully aware of their relevant category.

To help us to ensure that our records are up to date, please advise the school office by emailing <u>BEP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk</u> if you are in the Armed Forces Personal Status Category 1 or 2.

Thank you.

Kind Regards

Mrs S J Moore Executive Headteacher