

# 'My Parent has Died'

## Accompanying Notes for Education Providers

### Information for Education Settings

Standby is an education project by Scotty's Little Soldiers, the charity for bereaved military children and young people (0-25 years).

The aim of the Standby project is to help Scotty's members and any child who has experienced the death of a parent who served in the British Armed Forces to feel sensitively supported in their education setting. No young person should be disadvantaged as a result of their bereavement.

Scotty's is able to supply resources offering tips and guidance for education providers to help them to support young people bereaved of a military parent.

### Why is the 'My Parent has Died' document important?

This document gives you the opportunity to obtain important information about a bereaved student's life story and how it may affect their educational experience. Every child's bereavement experience will be very individual and will impact them throughout their entire life, regardless of their age when the death occurred.

It is essential that accurate information accompanies the child through each stage of their education journey.

### How else can you help students?

We have produced additional resources to help schools and education settings understand the importance of supporting a child through grief and loss. There is no 'getting over it' – bereavement is a lifelong journey. We want education staff to feel equipped and able to sensitively support a bereaved Armed Forces child. Scan here to subscribe to our education providers' email and receive notifications as we produce more resources.



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### Bereavement Support

We can offer bespoke 1:1 bereavement support to our members. If you feel this support would benefit one of your students, please get in touch.

If you wish to make a referral, please contact us - *see overleaf for details.*

## Service Pupil Premium (SPP)

State schools, academies and free schools in England, which have children of service families in school from reception to year 11, can receive the SPP funding. It is designed to assist the school in providing any additional support that these children may need and is currently worth over £300 per annum for each service child who meets the eligibility criteria. It is also available to bereaved military families, if one of their parents dies whilst serving in the Armed Forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme.

Use this link: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-service-pupil-premium/service-pupil-premium-what-you-need-to-know](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-service-pupil-premium/service-pupil-premium-what-you-need-to-know) for more information or go to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and search for 'Service Pupil Premium'.

## Armed Forces Covenant

All local authorities have signed the Armed Forces Covenant that agrees we have a duty as a nation to support those who have made the greatest sacrifices on our country's behalf; those who have been injured or those who have been bereaved. This includes children and young people.

Any organisation can sign up to the Armed Forces Covenant and pledge their support. Your school/setting may have already signed the Covenant or want to explore how to do this and support the Armed Forces community.

## Stay in Touch

If you have any questions or wish to make a referral, please get in touch for more information:

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**Thank you for your time and support of bereaved British Forces children & young people.**