

PENAIR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

At this time of year, all schools have to complete the annual census by law. This provides the Local Authority and central Government with a snapshot of school background/activity. This information is then used to derive funding for schools. The Government has requested all schools record data for those children who have a parent or parents who are Service personnel serving in HM Forces military units of all forces, or in the Armed Forces of another nation and stationed in England, and exercising parental care and responsibility.

Should you be a member of the serving forces we would appreciate it you could confirm this by using the reply slip below, We have been advised that this only applies if you are in Personnel Category 1 or 2.

<http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/AboutDefence/CorporatePublications/PersonnelPublications/Welfare/PersonalStatusCategoryDefinitions.htm>

- 1 Those in Personnel Category 1 will meet one of the following qualifying criteria:
 - A legally married member of the Armed Forces, who lives with their spouse, or who would do so but for the exigencies of the Armed Forces.
 - A member of the Armed Forces, who is registered in a civil partnership in accordance with the Civil Partnership Act 2004, or is in a civil partnership under an overseas scheme recognised under that Act, and who lives with their registered civil partner, or who would do so but for the exigencies of the Armed Forces.

- 2 Those in Personnel Category 2 will meet one of the following qualifying criteria:
 - A member of the Armed Forces who has parental responsibility within the terms of the Children Act 1989 for a child(ren) and who satisfies all of the following conditions:
 - Can properly be regarded as the centre and prime mover in the life of the child(ren).

- Provides a home where they normally live with the child(ren) except where unable to do so for reasons attributable to their service in the Armed Forces.
- Provides, where the child(ren) is unable to care for itself, a child carer who can look after the child(ren) during their absences attributable to their service in the Armed Forces. The child carer must not be the other natural parent of the child(ren). The other natural parent should normally only have staying access to the child(ren) for an aggregate of 56 days in any 12 month period. Staying access greater than this may render the Service person ineligible for PStat Cat2 (these restrictions on access do not apply while on recognised Unaccompanied Duty).
- Accepts financial responsibility for the child(ren).

We can assure you that data collected on your child is not being shared with the Ministry of Defence.

Should this letter be applicable to your family circumstances, please complete and return the reply slip below to Mrs M Vingoe at Penair School.

Yours sincerely



R Sharpe
Deputy Headteacher

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Please return this slip to Mrs M Vingoe in the school general office

Armed Forces Information

Child name: Tutor group:

Parent name:

Armed Force:

