



**TEMPLATE: Getting to know Service children**

Getting the know the Service child is vital to ensuring they are supported correctly.

**How to use this tool:**

This template can be used as guidance for discussions with new Service children. Useful questions are included across four sections which contribute to the completion of a pen picture (pupil passport) to be shared with relevant staff. It can be used alongside Tools 6 and 7 during induction activities.

**Instructions:**

1. Arrange a time to meet with the new Service child/ren.
2. Conduct a discussion with the Service child/ren using the questions as a guide, making adjustments as appropriate to the individual/s.
3. Make notes in the answer space provided.
4. On completion of sections 1-4 use the information gathered to populate the Service child pen picture template.
5. Share information with relevant staff.

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| **My Service child background / lifestyle**  |
| Who in your family is serving in the Armed Forces?  |
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| What service are they linked to? (Royal Navy, Royal Marines, British Army, Royal Air Force, Reserves) |
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| What role does your parent have? e.g. chef, mechanic, pilot  |
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| What are the best and worst bits about being a Service child?  |
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| How many schools have you been to? What were the best and worst bits about your other schools? |
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| If you’ve moved schools before how did it make you feel? Who/what helped you with the move? How?  |
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| Where are you from? Where is home? Where else have you lived? Have you ever lived abroad? |
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| Where else have you lived? Have you ever lived abroad? |
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| How do you feel about moving? How do you feel about starting this school?  |
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| Are you aware of any upcoming events for your serving parent/family member e.g. training exercise, deployment? |
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| How do you feel about living in Wales? How do you feel about learning Welsh in school?  |
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| **What people like and admire about me** |
| Tell us one brilliant thing about you that you’d really like us to know?  |
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| What do you like and admire about yourself?  |
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| What do you think you are good at?  |
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| What do others (parents, teachers, friends) like and admire about you? |
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| What do others (parents, teachers, friends) think you are good at?  |
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| What sort of personality do you have?  |
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| Do you have any special talents? e.g. sport, music, languages |
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| What would you like to be better at?  |
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| **What is important to me** |
| What makes you happy?  |
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| What/where is your favourite place? Why?  |
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| Who are your favourite people to spend time with? Why?  |
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| Who is in your family? How are they important to you?  |
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| Do you have any pets?  |
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| What things are important to you? e.g. belongings, food, etc |
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| What places are important to you? e.g. discuss places they may have lived |
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| What are your hobbies and interests?  |
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| Have you been part of any clubs / extra-curricular activities before?  |
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| What are your hopes and dreams for the future? What would you like to achieve? What would you like to do when you grow up?  |
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| **How best to support me** |
| How do you feel about starting a new school?  |
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| What helps you to settle in when you are moving schools / starting a new school?  |
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| Do you have any questions you’d like to ask?  |
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| Do you know who to speak to in school if you need some help?  |
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| What did you like/dislike about the other school/s you’ve been to and how they supported you?  |
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| Did you receive any extra support at your other school/s? |
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| Do you ever feel like you need any extra support? When? What with?  |
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| What type of support helps you / works best for you?  |
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| Where in the classroom do you prefer to sit? (consider position proximity to teacher, type of student)  |
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| Do you know anyone else who attends this school?  |
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| What topics have you covered so far this year? What did you like/dislike about them?  |
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| What new things would you like to try/do?  |
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| What helps you when you are separated from your parents?  |
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| Do you think it would be helpful to share your Service child experiences / be part of a club with other Service children?  |
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**Service child pen picture**

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| ***Add photo of Service child***  |  | **Name:** **Class/Form:**  |  | **Top 3 Strategies:** *
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| **What is important to me:**  |  | **How best to support me:**  |