

'My family member has died'

Accompanying Notes for Education Providers

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My family member has died and they served in the British Armed Forces. I want to tell you a little about them.

My Name:

Their Name:

About their military service. They were in the...

☐ Army ☐ Navy ☐ RAF ☐ Royal Marines ☐ Reservist

Their Birthday:

The date they died:

I was years old when they died.

Things I want to tell you about them and what happened:

My child's family member has died

To be completed by parent/carer with the child's school or education setting.

Child's Name: Date of Birth:

Name of parent/carer:

Name of educational setting:

Does the child have siblings in this school/setting? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Information about the family member who died

Name of deceased family member:

What the child called their family member:

Date of their death:

How they died:

Age of child when family member died:

What the child/young person knows about the death:

Please check with their parent/carer before discussing any information with the child.

What information can be shared with all staff at the setting:

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What information is to be kept confidential and only shared on a need-to-know basis:

A list of which people this needs to be shared with should be considered.

Dates that the child/young person may find difficult:

e.g. Remembrance, Anniversary of Death, Birthdays, Mother's/Father's Day.

What other significant losses or changes has the child/young person experienced:

e.g. Previous bereavements of family members or pets, moving home, changing school.

Additional information to be shared with the school:

Entitled to Service Pupil Premium? ☐ Yes ☐ No

See 'Information for Education Settings' document.

You can enter more information here.

INFORMATION FOR EDUCATION SETTINGS

Scotty's aim is to help any child in the military community who has been impacted by the death of a loved one who served in the British Armed Forces. Including but not limited to the person being a parent, sibling, extended family member or friend, as well as the death of the 'non-serving' parent.

The aim of the STRIDES programme is help bereaved military children to feel sensitively supported in their education setting. No young person should be disadvantaged as a result of their bereavement.

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.**



STRIDES PROGRAMME



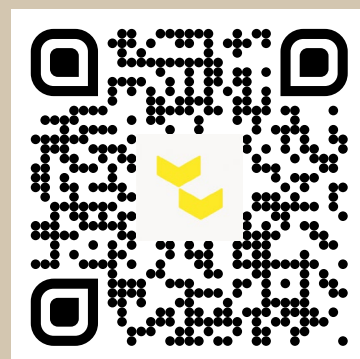
WHY IS THE 'MY FAMILY MEMBER HAS DIED' DOCUMENT IMPORTANT?

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 access free training on scottys learning website.



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 £360 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.

gov.uk/government/publications/service-pupil-premium/service-pupil-premium-what-you-need-to-know

Scotty's has useful information and guidance on how to use the SPP, please get in touch if you wanted to learn more.

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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