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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 26 January, requesting information relating to the number of primary school visits by British Army representatives during the period September 2008 to January 2010. Your request has been treated as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). You specifically asked for:

**Information concerning visits made by British Regular Army representatives to every primary school in the United Kingdom from September 2008 to January 2010. By this, I mean a chronological list of every instance of the British Regular Army visiting primary schools in the UK to "offer advice on service careers" or for recruitment purposes.**

The Army has no set policy on recruiters or careers advisors visiting primary schools. As part of wider community initiatives the Army has attended open days with Primary schools and will again in the future. These visits may simply highlight what a soldier looks like and what rations they eat or to talk about the role of the Army throughout history amongst other topics. More information on the resources the Army makes available to schools is available at the following website: [www.army.mod.uk/armyineducation](http://www.army.mod.uk/armyineducation).

The Army only visit schools that invite them. The Army is heavily involved in the support of the National Curriculum at Key Stage 3 (ages 11-14), Key Stage 4 (ages 14-16) and the Government's 14-19 Reforms within secondary schools. The Army would not visit a Primary school to offer advice on service careers or for recruitment purposes. The minimum age for enlistment into the Army is 16.

The attached list is of all the establishments we have visited that have been recorded on our centralised database as primary schools.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Head of Corporate Information, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [army@mod.uk](mailto:army@mod.uk)).

Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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