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Dear Mr Gee

Thank you for your email of 22 January 2024 in which you requested the following information:

Can you please tell me whether the army 'Red Book', issued to all junior soldiers when they enlist, is also issued to their parents/guardians as a matter of routine?

Can you please send me a list of the other briefing documents given to parents/guardians when their child enlists?

Your correspondence is being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information request (the Act).

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act gives an applicant the right to access recorded information held by public authorities at the time the request is made and does not require public authorities to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information held. I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds no recorded information that would provide an answer to the questions you have asked in your request. However, in order to be helpful in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance), I have endeavoured to provide information which I believe is relevant to both your questions.

I can advise that the 'Red Book' is not currently sent to parents and guardians of soldiers when they enlist to the British Army. However, parents and guardians will receive the following: Joining Instructions, Welcome Book, Social Media Policy, and a Permanent Staff Contact Information Sheet.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, if you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

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