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Dear Ms McNeil,

Thank you for your email of 14 April 2015 requesting the following information:

*"Please could you provide a list of the Schools that are on the approved list of the MOD for MOD personnel to send their children"*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held. The Ministry of Defence do not 'approve' schools and as such we don't hold an 'approved list'.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that if Service personnel (not all MOD personnel) wish to claim Continuity of Education Allowance their chosen school needs to meet key criteria. These are that the school must have at least a satisfactory Ofsted assessment and must offer full boarding. If the school only offers weekly boarding, Service parents must be able to demonstrate that they have adequate child care arrangements in place should they be posted away from the location. The Children's Education Advisory Service provides advice on schools for Service parents. They can be contacted on 01980 618 244 or [enquiries@ceas.uk.com](mailto:enquiries@ceas.uk.com) between 8.30am to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday.

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 Information Rights Compliance team, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@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.

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Yours sincerely,

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