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Head Teacher

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Dear Head Teacher,

HMS DUNCAN will be returning home from a 9 month deployment to the Middle East in due course. As you may be aware we have been away from family and friends for a significant amount of time and I would therefore ask for your support with the following request due to the fact that DUNCAN is scheduled to return to Portsmouth on a school day.

The Homecoming day is an important milestone and we would therefore appreciate the opportunity for all family members, including children, to come to HMNB Portsmouth to welcome us in. It is felt that being part of this momentous occasion will help children, of all ages, understand the homecoming process and prepare for the inevitable change in family dynamics which will follow.

Clearly being able to see their families as soon as the Ship returns is not only important to the serving personnel whom are parents but, more importantly, ensures the child can participate in the occasion. It will allow them to take part in the Homecoming festivities and see and look inside the Ship which has been home to their parent for the last nine months.

Unfortunately due to security protocol I cannot give a date of this event in this letter but the child's parent will be able to pass it on in due course. I and the family members would be very appreciative if you would kindly let:
……attend.

Warm Regards,

R J Atkinson
Commander Royal Navy
Commanding Officer