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Dear parents and carers,

Included with this letter is [Welcoming Our New Neighbours](#), a booklet circulated to Service Families which we would encourage everyone in our school to read. It outlines the Afghan Resettlement Programme (ARP), the “safe and legal migration pathway into the UK for Afghan citizens who worked for or with the UK Government and British Armed Forces in Afghanistan in exposed or meaningful roles.”

Last week we welcomed the Senior Cultural Advisor and the Operation Lazurite Community Liaison Warrant Officer to FCC. They spoke to staff in an after-school meeting to provide information about the experience of families in Afghanistan and their journey to the UK. The team shared the key role that our families had in working with the Ministry of Defence, the bravery and importance of their work and sacrifice. Staff asked lots of questions to help support all students, part of our determination as a school to work effectively with the community, Ministry of Defence and others. The MoD has funded full-time interpreter service at FCC, which is already providing great support across the school.

As we have shared in a previous letter, it is important to provide information and address any misunderstandings, misconceptions or misinformation that may be circulating in our community. ‘Welcoming Our New Neighbours’ provides helpful information and responses to frequently asked questions. This includes addressing a misconception by clarifying that “Those who are eligible under ARP are not asylum seekers or illegal immigrants. They have been given ‘indefinite leave to remain’ meaning that have the right to live, work and study in the UK indefinitely.”

Please do read Welcoming Our New Neighbours. If you have any further questions then please contact the school directly.

Yours sincerely

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