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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to welcome your son/ daughter to 492 (Solihull) Squadron. There are a number of items that you need to be aware of:

1. Parade times:

On Tuesdays, the squadron opens at 1900 hrs and closes at 2145 hrs.

On Sundays, the squadron opens at 0900 hrs and closes at 1245 hrs.

(Although we endeavour to keep to these times, there will invariably be times when the cadets may sometimes be a little late finishing due to the programme that we run).

2. Absence or illness:

It is essential that we keep an accurate record of attendance and absences at the squadron, so we know where all cadets are at any time, and also that planned activities have enough cadets to make it worthwhile. Therefore we ask that if your son/daughter cannot attend either due to other commitments or illness, they put in an absence. This can either be done whilst they are at the squadron or by telephoning at any time. The squadron telephone number is 0121 744 9362.

3. Websites:

There is a squadron website available for you, as parents, to see what the cadets get involved in and also if your cadet needs any help whilst not at the squadron. The address for this website is www.492aircadets.org

There is a national Air Cadet Organisation website where cadets can download manuals for the exams they will be taking. The address for this website is www.aircadets.org. There is also a link to this on the squadron's website.

4. Subs:

Cadets are expected to pay subs from the day they join. Subs are paid **in advance** on a quarterly basis of £26 (£2 a week). Subs may now be paid by standing order.

5. Commitment to events:

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There are many opportunities open to cadets, such as flying, gliding, shooting, leadership courses etc that cadets can apply for. We insist that cadets only put their names down for events that they can definitely attend, so that the places are only given out to cadets who can go. Once a cadet has put their name down for an event, we will need your commitment and support to ensure that your son/daughter attends. If a cadet cancels their place on a confirmed event they may forfeit their space on future activities. It is therefore essential that ALL cadets own and use a diary to track important dates, e.g. ATC events, family holidays etc. Please ensure you assist your cadet by communicating important events to them so they make note them down.

6. Civilian Committee:

The squadron can only be successful if it has a good civilian committee. The civilian committee is responsible for all of the fund-raising that goes towards the squadron and is always looking for new parents to help support. The fund-raising goes towards adventure training kit such as tents, rucksacks etc. to save parents from paying out for essential but expensive kit for example. If you are interested in joining the civilian committee, please telephone the Civilian Committee Chairman – number available from the Sqn's Staff.

Many thanks

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