

**Lieutenant General IBL Jones CB
Commander Field Army**



To: Service Families affected by the changes to Unit and Basing moves planned for Summer 2020 – addressed to 'Formation and Unit Commanders' but also distributed through AFF into local Hives, and through Unit Welfare Officers.

I write to inform you of the decision to reschedule unit moves due to take place this Summer. This decision has not been taken lightly and I know in some cases it will cause inconvenience, disappointment and frustration. However, you will appreciate that such moves are not viable in the current climate. Covid-19 has changed so much for all of us, and postponing any decision to reschedule would simply generate further uncertainty

I trust that by taking this early decision we will minimise the impact on you and your families. Wherever possible, we have sought to delay moves for 12 months to stay in line with the school year and reduce disruption to your children's education. Where this has not been possible we will do our best to align moves with breaks between school terms. We have also started to reorganise the small number of moves that remain in the schedule for Winter 2020 and Spring 2021.

You will be able to keep your current SFA until the re-scheduled move, and should there be any further changes we will keep you updated. Until then, please continue to use Unit Welfare Officers as your first point of contact for any questions or issues you may have.

I realise this brings additional change for all of you and potentially unwelcome change for some. But given the unprecedented challenge we face in response to Covid-19 our focus must be in support of the nation we serve.

Thank you for your patience and understanding at a very difficult time.