



Military Service Children Findings



Military Service Children Focus Groups and Poster Sessions

Richmond School

- Roughly 18 students
- Welcome and introduction to HE
- Campus tour
- Lunch
- Discussion group (focus group)

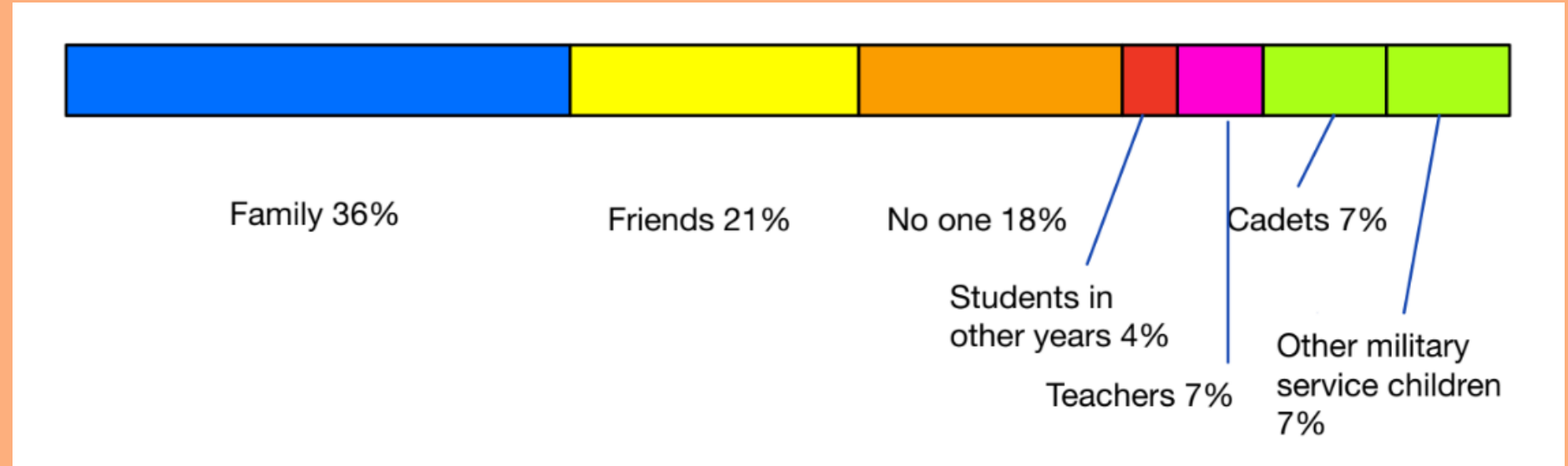
Fulford, Huntington and Joseph Rowntree School

- Fulford School (18 students - Year 9-11)
- Huntington School (9 students - Year 11)
- Joseph Rowntree School (10 students - Year 7-11)
- Welcome and introduction to HE
- Campus Tour
- Lunch
- Poster making workshops

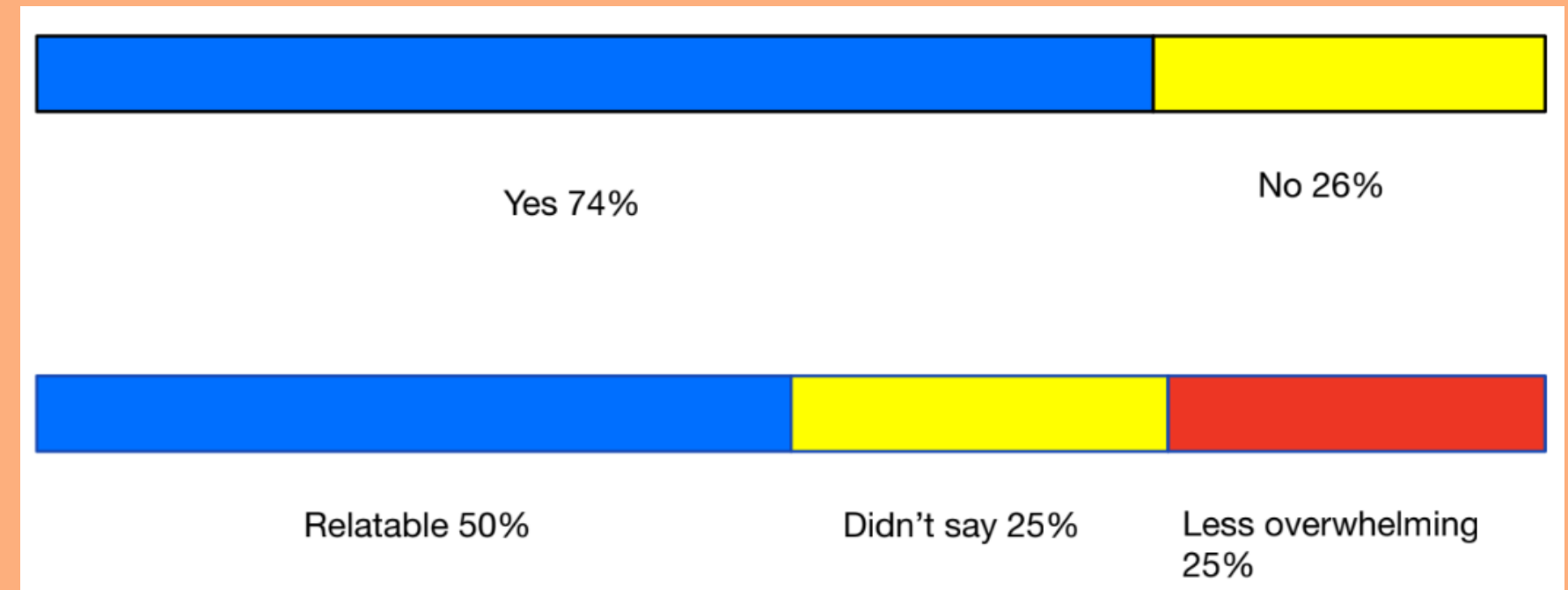
Military Service Children Poster Sessions

Your Top Tips poster findings

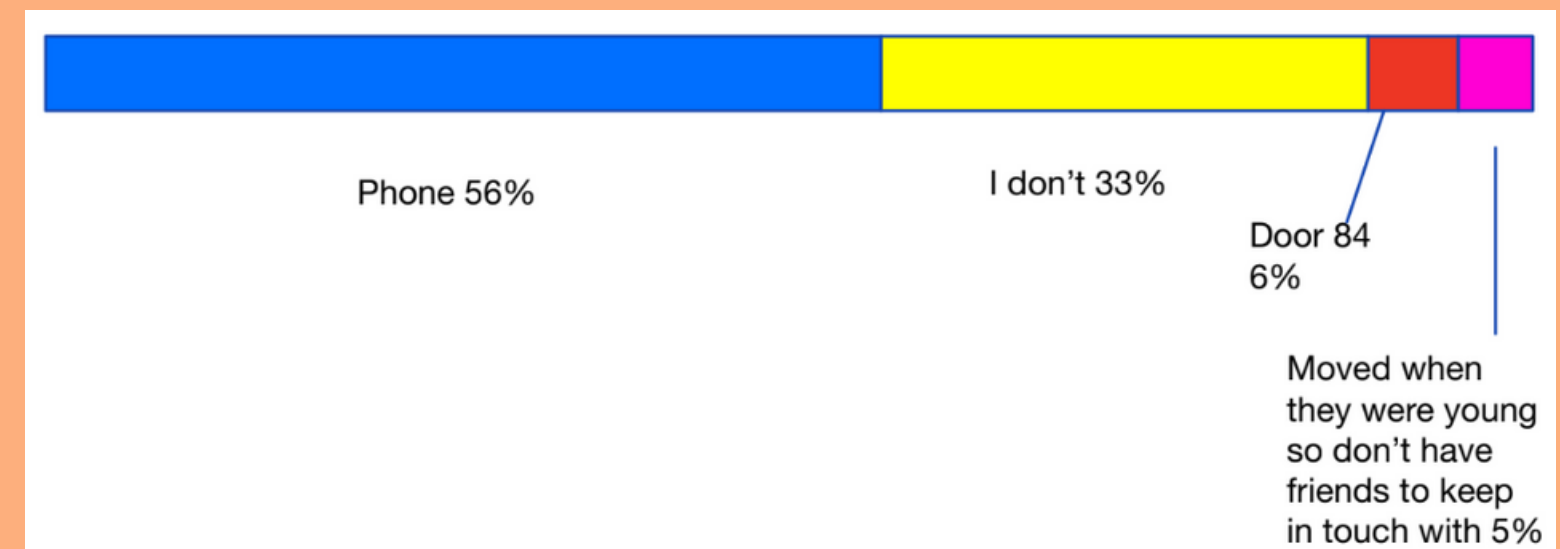
Who do you talk to about your military connections?



Do you choose to spend time with other military service children? How does it help?

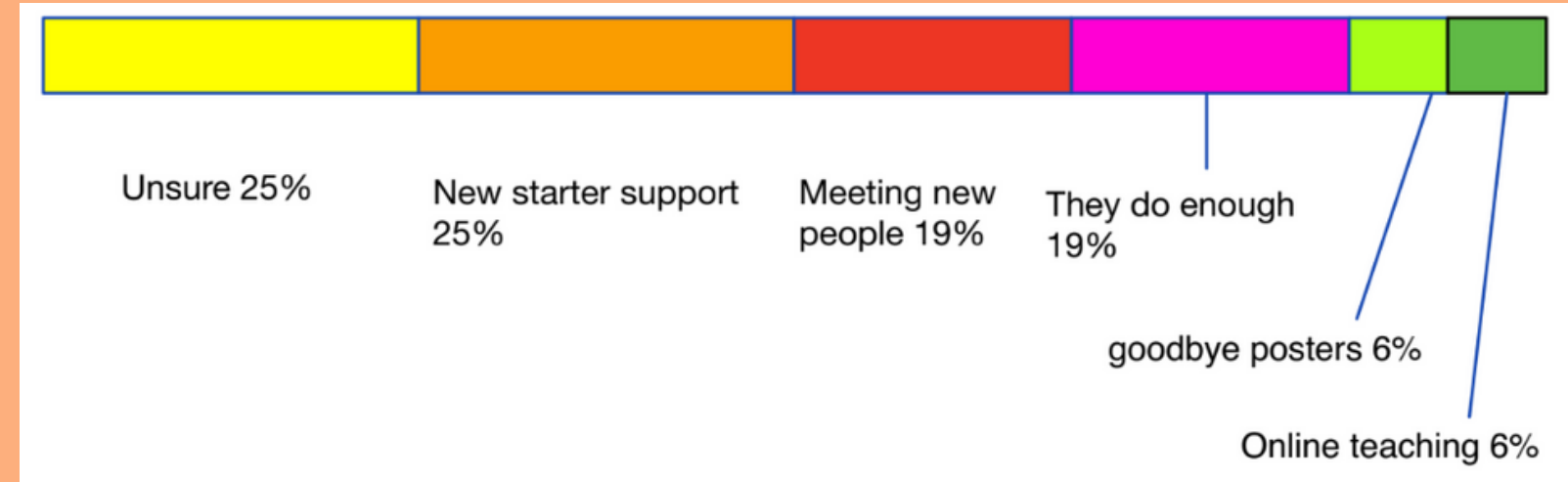


How do you keep in touch with friends from previous schools?

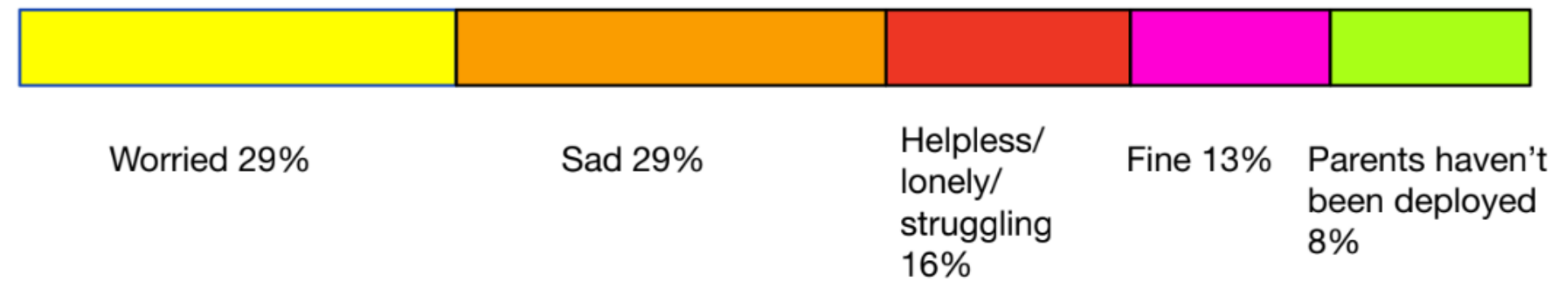


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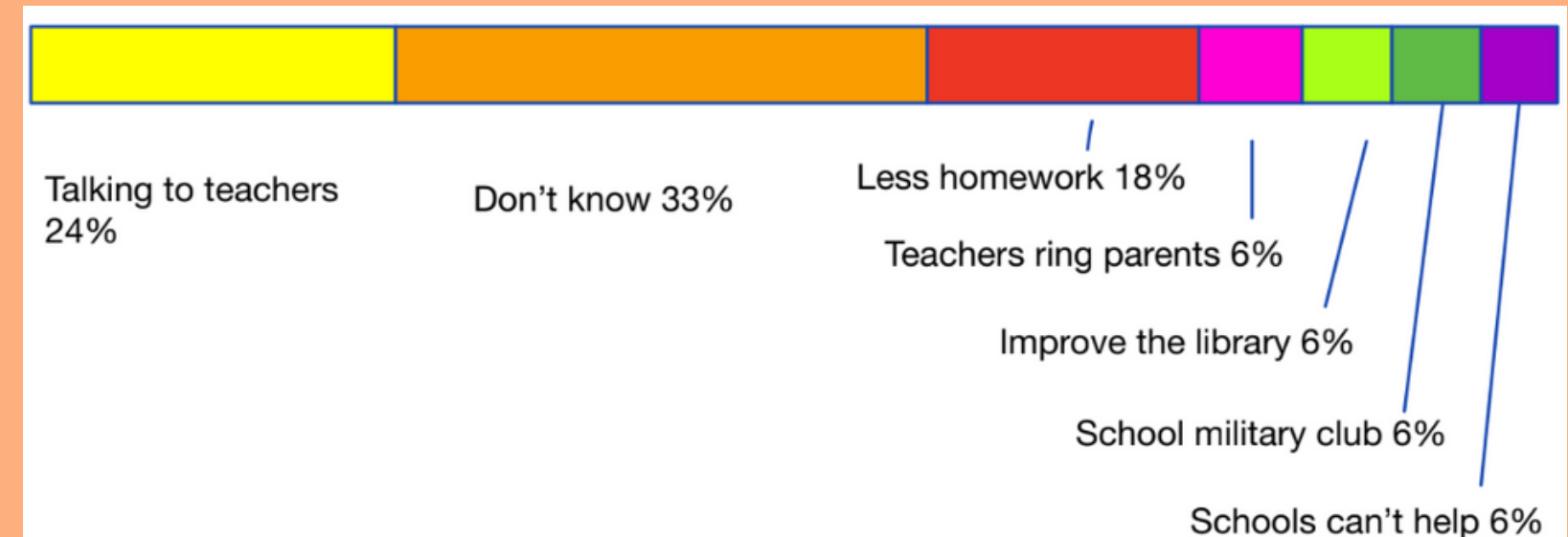
How can schools help when you move?



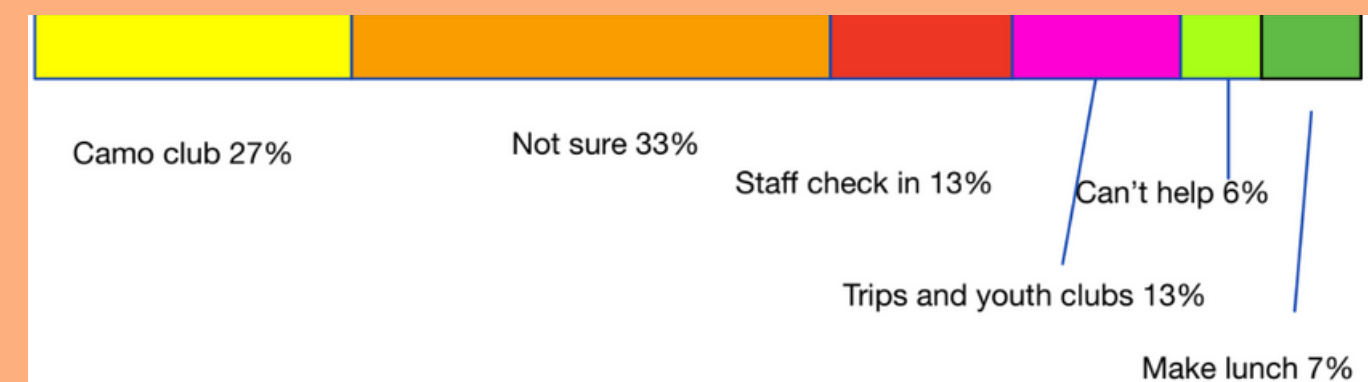
How do you feel when your parents are deployed?



How can schools help and encourage you?

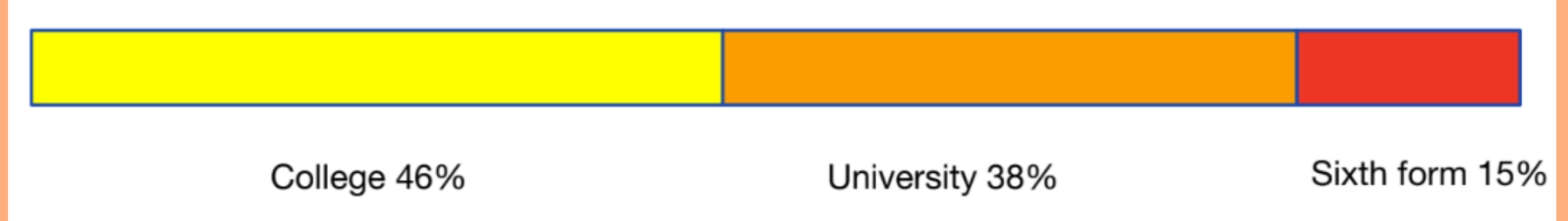


What does your school do that others can do too?

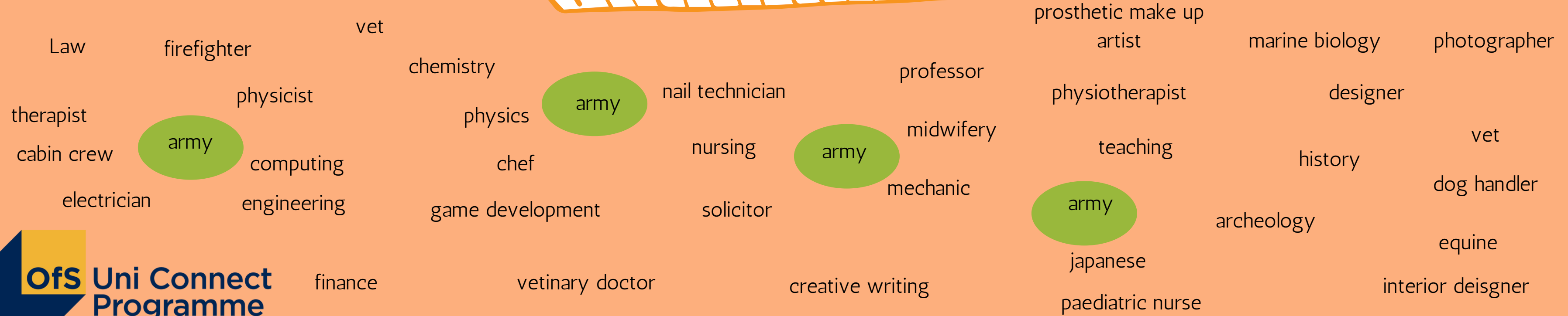


Your experience as a military service child poster findings

My future education



My future career - 10% of responses were military or army

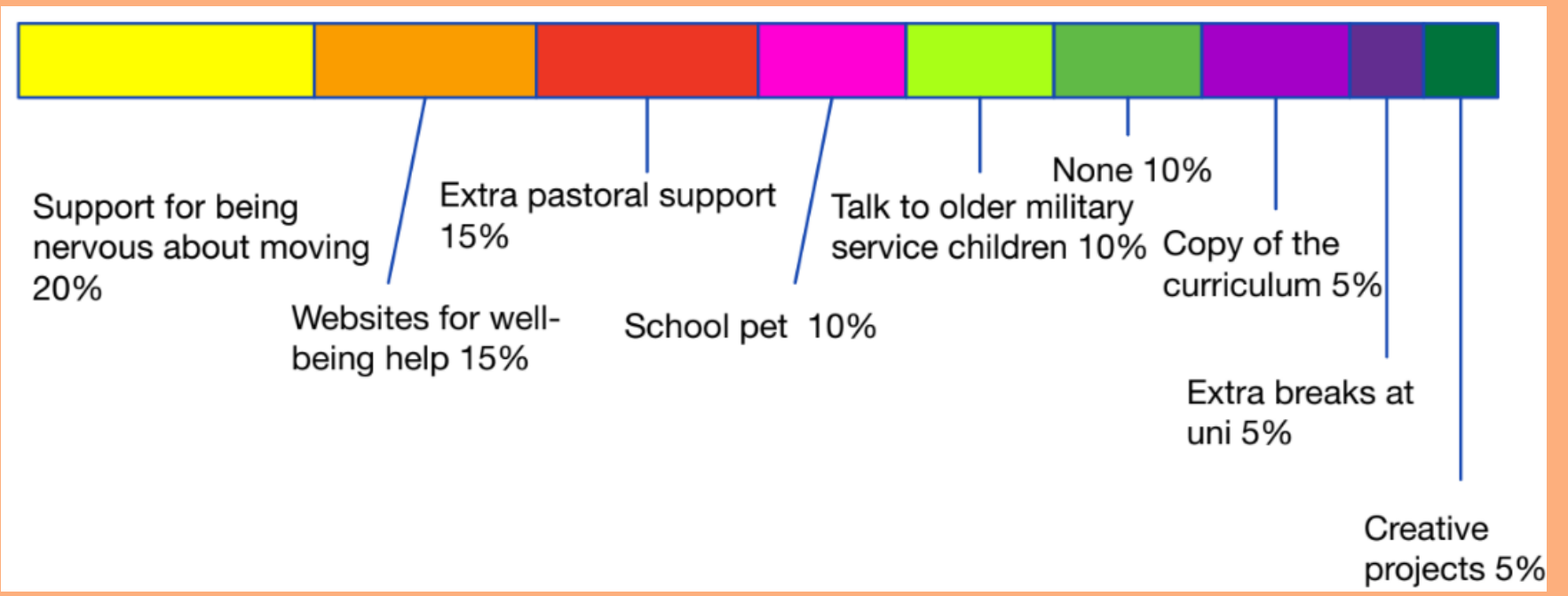


Your experience as a military service child poster findings

Good support I get now

residential
pets
MSC friends
camo club
counselling
cadets
extracurricular and school clubs
workshops
access to a resource centre
game development apps
FE/HE trips
youth clubs
school
workshops
none
extra TAs
occasional events
siblings
teachers

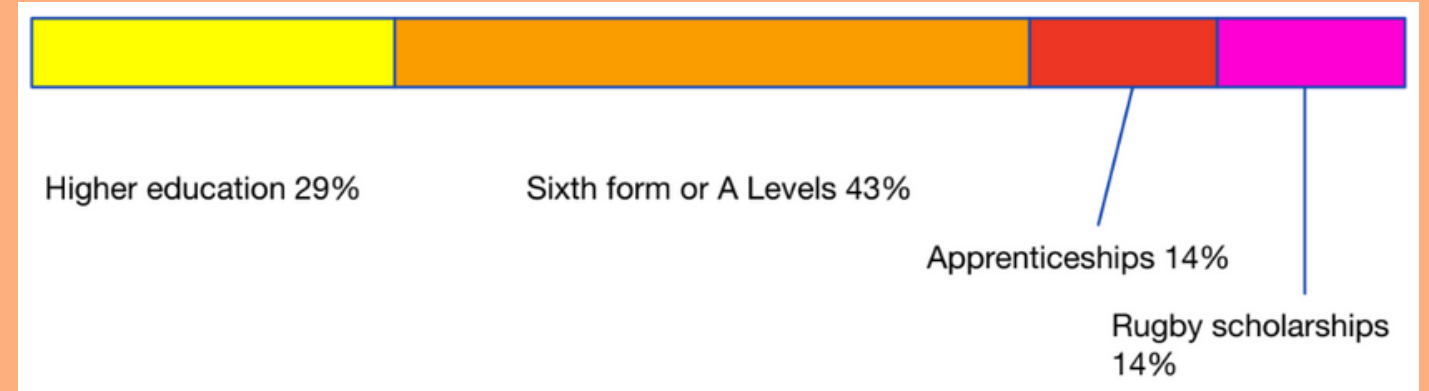
Additional support I would like



Military Service Children Focus Groups

Focus Groups

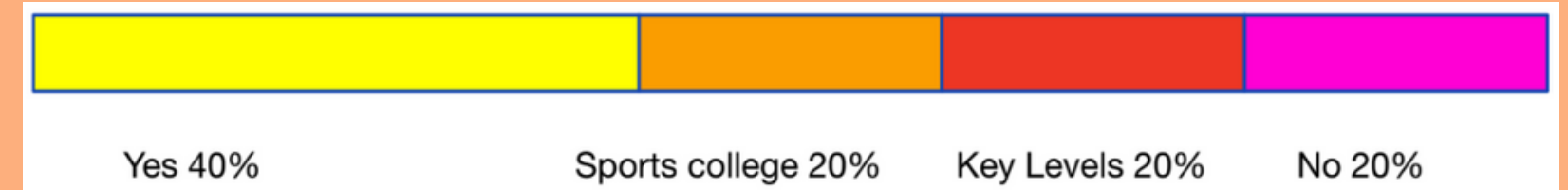
Have you thought about what you will do after year 11?



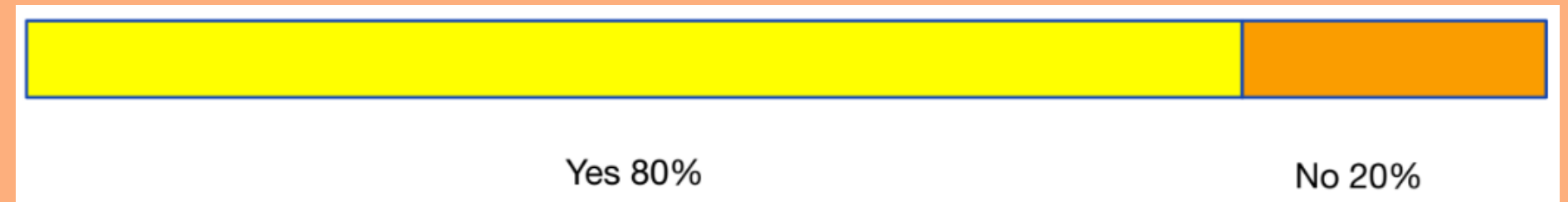
Do you know anyone who has done a degree?



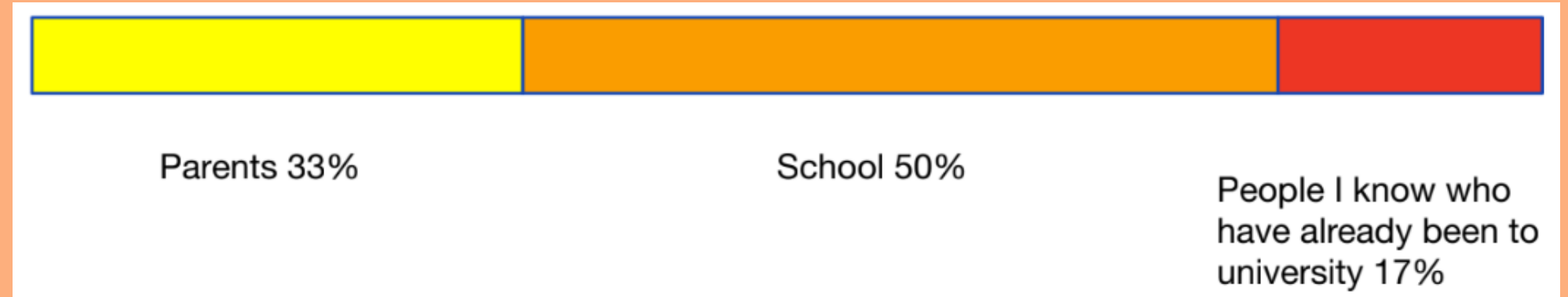
Is higher education something you have considered?



Have you thought about what you would like to study?



Where would you look for the information about higher education/further training or careers?



Focus Groups

What information would you like to know about higher education/studying at university?



campus visits

how to organise your time

accommodation
help with revising

what would a day at university look like?

the standard of work expected

the courses available

help creating a timetable

what qualifications do you need to go to university?

financial help/loans



Pros

- Gain social skills
- make lifelong friends
- looks good on your CV
- helps to find a job
- gain new experiences
- pushes you out of your comfort zone
- new scenery
- learning from experts in the subject
- learning a subject in more detail

What do you feel would be the benefits and negatives of going to university?



Cons

- far away from family
- time management is tricky
- takes a long time to pay off the loan
- expensive
- the pressure of university
- can be a strain on wellbeing, being away from friends and family

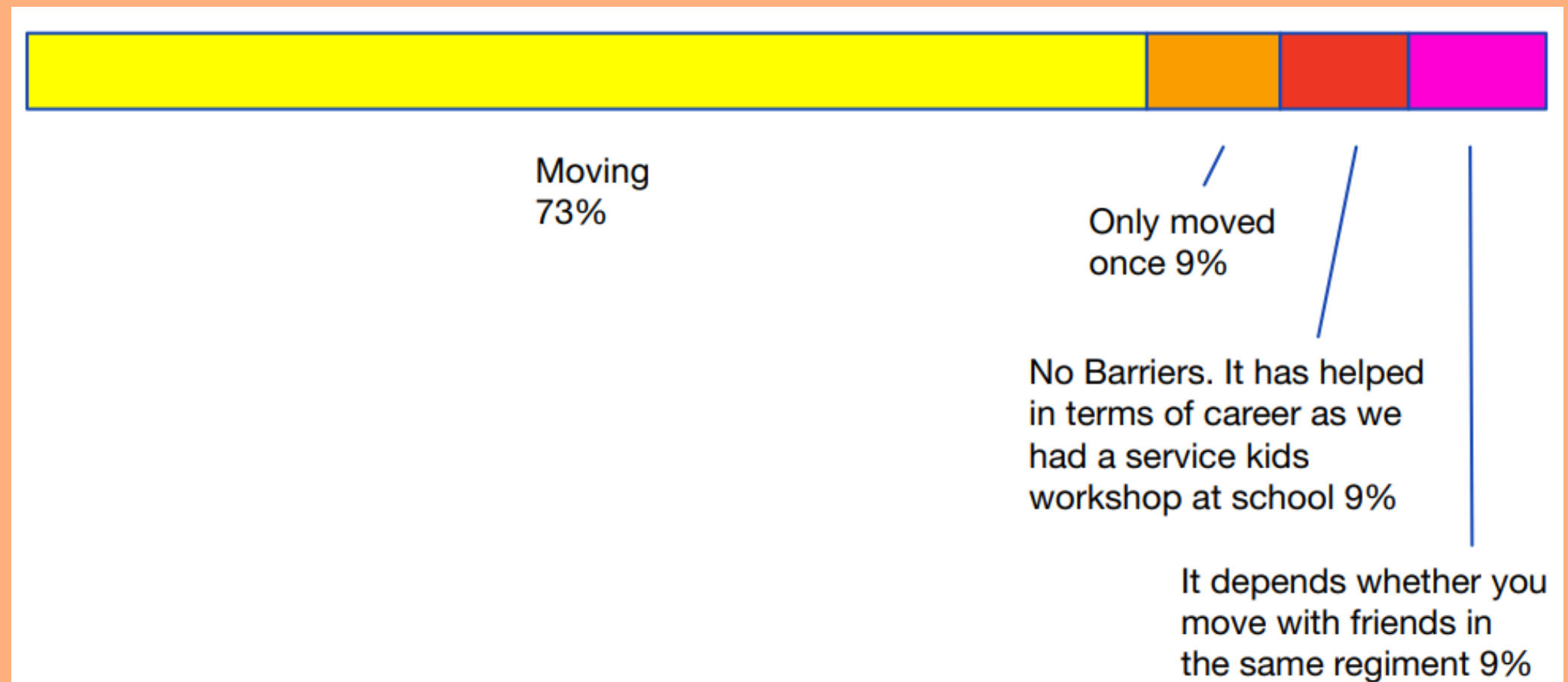


Focus Groups

Have friends or family been a useful source of information about higher education or careers?



Do you feel as a service child there have been any barriers to your education until now or your future plans?



Focus Groups

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Maybe I might move, why would I bother making friends here and maybe a couple of months or maybe a year's time I'd have to move again and make new friends, and think what's the point when you're just going to keep moving

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I think if anything it's kind of helped us out a little bit more with the whole career side of things. They did a workshop at school for service kids a while ago. I don't really think there's been any setbacks. I think if anything it's been more of a help.

Do you feel as a service child there have been any barriers to your education until now or your future plans?

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From personal experience, when I'd move to a new school, they'd sometimes be like, they'd be further along than my old school, so I'd miss a whole chunk of a topic.

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In the army if you move away during an important time of learning, like years 10 and 11, and you're trying to do your GCSEs, if you have to move and go to another school they might not offer the same variety of subjects, so you might not be able to do the same GCSE subjects

Summary

How can schools and universities help military service children?

Schools

- New starter support
- Pastoral support
- Improve knowledge of MSC
- Improve communication between schools
- After school clubs for MSC (eg: camo club)
- Provide more information on universities
- Signposting websites for MSC

Universities and Schools

- Outreach opportunities
 1. Revision guidance
 2. Campus visits
 3. Financial guidance
 4. Accommodation
 5. Organising time
 6. What does a day at uni look like?
 7. What qualifications do I need for university?
 8. What is the workload like?

What do MSC know about HE?

- **Advantages**

1. Independence
2. Responsibility
3. Time management

- **Disadvantages**

1. Cost
2. Wellbeing
3. Pressure

What are the barriers in place for MSC when accessing HE?

- Moving



Thank you for listening.
What are the next steps?

