

How I feel when my friends move away.

I have been at this school for 2 ½ years (even though both my parents are in the R.A.F.) and hardly any of my friends have moved. However, a few months ago, one of my good friends, a girl called Kate, moved to Stoke.

When she told me she was leaving I was sad but quite angry with her mum because they didn't have to move as they weren't service people! After a while I came to terms with it but by then she'd started saying how she couldn't wait to leave and things which made me feel depressed and confused. Also, she'd started being a bit mean towards me and really nice to people she said weren't her friends. Finally, on the day she left, she was really lovely and gave me her new address and sweets and said how much she would miss me.

Now she's gone, I feel happy for her because she has the opportunity to make new friends and we still call each other and write letters and we're still really good friends.

And when somebody leaves, other people become more friendly towards the person left behind and the teachers sometimes organise a circle time so children can say what they feel and learn to cope with it.