

## **Service Families Support Directory**

- **Armed Forces Bereavement Scholarship Scheme (AFBSS)**

This is a service set up for bereaved children of service personnel and was set up by the UK Government to support the children of service personnel whose death was attributed to service. The scheme will enable them to progress into the post-16 and higher education.

Website: [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-armed-forces-bereavement-scholarship-scheme?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm\\_source=ab9072a2-787c-40dd-91b3-4eb3e2d9e2b9&utm\\_content=immediately](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-armed-forces-bereavement-scholarship-scheme?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=ab9072a2-787c-40dd-91b3-4eb3e2d9e2b9&utm_content=immediately)

- **Army Families Federation (AFF)**

An independent charity that works to improve the quality of life for Army families around the world. The charity can help with a large variety of areas, including education and childcare.

Website: <https://aff.org.uk/advice/education-childcare/>

Contact: 01264 554004 <https://affenquiryportal.powerappsportals.com/>

- **Army Parents' Network**

A community that people who are serving and the Chain of Command can use to access information, advice, and support from peers. Additionally, the Network has a range of documents containing guidance on moving schools, employment, and flexible working.

Website: <https://www.army.mod.uk/people/live-well/family-support/army-parents-network/>

Email address: [ArmyPers-Parents-Network@mod.gov.uk](mailto:ArmyPers-Parents-Network@mod.gov.uk)

- **Education Advisory team (UK)**

Qualified teachers and experienced case advisors that can provide advice, guidance and support to help service families and eligible MOD civilian families in the UK regarding:

- Parental rights and responsibilities
- Children/young people's rights and responsibilities
- SEN and/or D
- School admissions and appeals (transition)

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/defence-children-services-dcs#information-about-the-education-advisory-team-uk>

Email address: [RC-DCS-HQ-EAT@mod.gov.uk](mailto:RC-DCS-HQ-EAT@mod.gov.uk)

- **Help for Heroes**

This charity supports veterans and their families in challenges following discharge from the forces. Children of veterans who were serving when they started school in year R, are 'Ever 6' and are still

entitled to Service Pupil Premium until they leave year 11. Therefore, this website might be helpful and relevant for some of the children and their families.

Website: [UK Armed Forces and military veterans charity | Help For Heroes](#)

- **Little Troopers**

Supporting children who have one or both parents serving in the British Armed Forces, Regular or Reserve. The charity has created resources to support your service family which can be accessed via the Little Troopers website.

Website: <https://www.littletroopers.net>

- **Naval Families Federation**

The community provides guidance and advice that is accessible via their website. The charity works with serving personnel and their families to understand the unique demands and challenges of naval life, and be there for those who are in need of support.

Website: <https://nff.org.uk/contact/>

Contact: 02392 654374

- **Never Such Innocence**

A creative project running workshops, special events, competitions and resources advocating for forces children and their families.

Website: [About Us — Never Such Innocence](#)

- **RAF Families Federation**

The Federation provides support and guidance to people who are serving in the RAF around the world. Through their website, you can access guidance on education for children and young adults in the UK and overseas.

Website: <https://www.raf-ff.org.uk>

Contact: 01780 781650

- **Reading Force**

The charity Reading Force brings military families together using books. The charity hosts a number of engaging programmes and resources for forces families, schools, welfare and clubs, which you can find out more about on their website.

Website: <https://www.readingforce.org.uk>

- **Royal British Legion**

Support for members of the RN, Army, RAF, veterans and their families. Support available from the first day of service on a range of topics throughout life.

Website: [Royal British Legion | Armed Forces Charity](#)

- **Royal Navy & Royal Marines Charity**

Support for sailors, marines, veterans and their families on a range of issues from urgent to ongoing support.

Website: [Home | The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity](#)

Contact: 02393 871520

- **SSAFA**

Supporting families of all armed forces personnel and veterans in crisis or long-term on a range of issues.

Website: [Military Families | SSAFA](#)

- **SCiSS**

Supporting Service Children in England with resources and information acting to support, celebrate and advocate for children from a military background and the schools they attend.

Website: [Home | Service Children in State Schools](#)

- **Service Children's Progression Alliance (SCiP Alliance)**

The SCiP Alliance is a partnership of organisations which is hosted by the University of Winchester and supported by the Ministry of Defence (MOD).

The organisation works to improve the lives of service children and young people by supporting professionals who work with them. Its campaigns include:

- Pooling resources and expertise through a UK-wide community and Hub network created for practitioners with the goal of improving the education and progression of service children.
- Producing helpful resources for practitioners to support service children and their colleagues who are working with them.
- Researching the needs of service children and their allies to improve the support available to them.
- Raising awareness of the needs of service children through their evidence-based policy guidance and advice.

Website: <https://www.scipalliance.org/>

- **Scotty's Little Soldiers**

A military bereavement charity helping to ensure there is long term support for bereaved military children despite the affected child losing their connection to the military community.

Website: [Charity for Bereaved Military Children | Scotty's Little Soldiers](#)

- **Service Pupil Premium**

Funding to provide additional support to service children in years R-11. SPP is only available in England and must be confirmed before October for the school census.

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-service-pupil-premium/service-pupil-premium-what-you-need-to-know>