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# Armed Forces Families & Safeguarding

## 2023 Education Support Fund (ESF)

The ESF, launched in 2011 and subsequently extended by the Secretary of State for Defence (2018-2020), provided funding to assist publicly funded schools, Academies and Free Schools throughout the UK to mitigate the effects of exceptional mobility and/or separation of their Service communities; Regular Armed Forces, including Reserves on Full Time commitment (FTRS FC).

In light of ongoing rebasing activity, with further unit and personnel moves and associated disruption expected, Armed Forces Families & Safeguarding has secured £3 million from the Head Office Top Level Budget to fund an extension of the ESF.

**The 2023 ESF bidding round is open until Friday 30 September 2022. Applications from England, Scotland and Wales should be forwarded to [People-AFFS-ESF-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk](mailto:People-AFFS-ESF-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk).**

Applications from Northern Ireland should be forwarded to [RC-AWS-N-38X-0mailbox@mod.gov.uk](mailto:RC-AWS-N-38X-0mailbox@mod.gov.uk).

Applications can be accepted from publicly funded schools, Academies, Free Schools, Sixth Form colleges or from Local Authorities on behalf of publicly funded schools in their area. Result letters will be circulated in January 2023 with payments made to successful applicants by March 2023.

Since 2011, the ESF has distributed over £42 million. The funding awarded from the 2022 ESF supported around 23,000 Service children from all three Services. Service parents are encouraged to raise awareness of the ESF at their child's school.

For further information, guidance and an application pack, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-support-fund-for-schools-with-service-children-grant-application-pack>.

For general enquiries, please email [People-AFFS-ESF-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk](mailto:People-AFFS-ESF-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk)



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