



Ministry of Defence

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Our Reference: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) dated [REDACTED] in which you requested the following information:

- 1) Have the armed forces sponsored school students' equipment in the last six academic years?
- 2) If so, what school students' equipment (such as diaries) have the armed forces sponsored in the last six academic years (including the present one)?

Please provide details regarding the piece of equipment; the nature of the sponsorship (e.g. the armed forces' logo on the cover/first page of a diary); and the names of the Local Authorities (UK wide) in which the school(s) was/were located.

Furthermore please provide:

Copies of documents or correspondence (with individuals' names redacted if necessary to comply with Data Protection law) that give the reasons behind the decision that Army visits to schools will now only involve engaging with Year 9 (or equivalent) and above

Are there any plans in place for the Navy and RAF to follow the Army's lead and only conduct school visits that engage with students in Year 9 (or equivalent) and above? If so, please provide details

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

A review of our data holdings has been completed, and I can confirm that the MOD does hold some information within the scope of your request; this is provided below.

I can confirm that the Armed Forces do not sponsor equipment for schools.

Information in regard to Army education policy and school visits is exempt under Section 21 of the FOI Act, because it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. It is already in the public domain at the following links:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/442909/Role_Capita_Army_visits_to_schools_since_2012.pdf

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/442911/AnnexA_RP_P_Contract_Extract.pdf

I can confirm there are no plans for the Royal Navy or the Royal Air Force to change how they currently interact with schools.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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