



## **AN ARMED FORCES COVENANT**

BETWEEN

*RISEDALE SPORTS AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE*

AND

*THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY IN CATTERICK GARRISON*

**We, the undersigned, agree to work and act together to  
honour the Armed Forces Covenant.**

## Signatories

Signed:

 25 April 2017

Position Held: Commander

Catterick Garrison

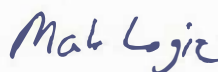
Signed:

 25 April 2017

Position Held: Principal

Risedale Sports and Community College


Signed:

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Position Held: Military Civil Integration

Catterick Garrison

Signed:

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Position Held: Assistant Principal & SENCO

Risedale Sports and Community College

# THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT

An Enduring Covenant Between

The People of the United Kingdom  
Her Majesty's Government

– and –

All those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces of  
the Crown

And their Families

The first duty of Government is the defence of the realm. Our Armed Forces fulfil that responsibility on behalf of the Government, sacrificing some civilian freedoms, facing danger and, sometimes, suffering serious injury or death as a result of their duty. Families also play a vital role in supporting the operational effectiveness of our Armed Forces. In return, the whole nation has a moral obligation to the members of the Naval Service, the Army and the Royal Air Force, together with their families. They deserve our respect and support, and fair treatment.

Those who serve in the Armed Forces, whether Regular or Reserve, those who have served in the past, and their families, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services. Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved.

This obligation involves the whole of society: it includes voluntary and charitable bodies, private organisations, and the actions of individuals in supporting the Armed Forces. Recognising those who have performed military duty unites the country and demonstrates the value of their contribution. This has no greater expression than in upholding this Covenant.

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## **SECTION 1: PARTICIPANTS**

1.1 This Armed Forces Covenant is made between:

The serving and former members of the Armed Forces and their families working and residing in CATTERICK GARRISON

And

RISEDALE SPORTS AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## **SECTION 2: PRINCIPLES OF THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT**

2.1 The Armed Forces Covenant is a voluntary statement of mutual support between a civilian community and its local Armed Forces Community. This Covenant encompasses the moral obligation between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces, at the local level.

2.1 The Armed Forces Covenant is based upon two key principles:

- The Armed Forces community should not face disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services.
- Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved.

2.3 The purpose of this Covenant is to encourage support for the Armed Forces Community working and residing in Catterick Garrison and to recognise and remember the sacrifices made by members of this Armed Forces Community, particularly those who have given the most. This includes in-Service and ex-Service personnel their families and widow(er)s in Catterick Garrison.

2.4 For Risedale Sports and Community College and partner organisations, the Community Covenant presents an opportunity to bring their knowledge, experience and expertise to bear on the provision of help and advice to members of the Armed Forces Community. It also presents an opportunity to build upon existing good work on other initiatives such as the Welfare Pathway.

2.5 For the Armed Forces community, the Covenant encourages the integration of Service life into civilian life and encourages members of the Armed Forces community to help their local community.

## **SECTION 3: OBJECTIVES AND GENERAL INTENTIONS**

### **Aims of the Covenant**

3.1 The Armed Forces Covenant defines the enduring, general principles that should govern the relationship between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces community

3.2 It aims to encourage all parties within a community to offer support to the local Armed Forces community and make it easier for Service personnel, families and veterans to access the help and support available from the MOD, from statutory providers and from the Charitable and Voluntary Sector. These organisations already work together in partnership at local level.

3.3 The scheme is intended to be a two-way arrangement and the Armed Forces community are encouraged to do as much as they can to support their community and promote activity which integrates the Service community into civilian life.

## **SECTION 4: Measures**

### **4.1 Risedale Sports and Community College**

- Ensure staff are able to identify potential barriers to learning for Service children.
- Appoint two Service Children Advocates to support the achievement of Service children.
- Track the progress of Service children regularly.
- Ensure all staff are aware of the potential of Service children.
- Track Service children's engagement in extra-curricular activities.
- Ensure effective liaison with the local Army Welfare Service and Service Children in State Schools (SCISS)
- Establish links with Unit Welfare Officers to support family life
- Support and recognition for our cadets across the tri-services

### **4.2 Catterick Garrison**

- Provide an opportunity for dialogue via the Garrison Education Forum and Unit Welfare Officers
- Catterick Garrison and 4 Bde MCI Team to discuss opportunities to support the college.
- Explain and facilitate visits by the Army Engagement Group to deliver youth related presentations
- Provide opportunities for KS 4 students to experience a variety of job roles and occupations within the Forces (taster days).
- Provide personnel to attend a Careers Awareness day showcasing job roles within the Forces that are 'mirrored' in civilian life.