



ADES Forces Children's Education

We, the undersigned, commit to honour the Armed Forces Covenant and support the Armed Forces Community. We recognise the value Serving Personnel, both Regular and Reservists, Veterans and military families contribute to our business and our country.

Signed on behalf of:
**ADES Forces Children's
Education**

Signed: 

Position: National Transitions Officer
for Children and Young People of
Armed Forces families in Scottish Schools
ADES (Association of Directors of Education in Scotland)

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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.

Section 1: Principles of the Armed Forces Covenant

1.1 We **ADES Forces Children's Education** will endeavour in our business dealings to uphold the key principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, which are:

- *no member of the Armed Forces Community should face disadvantage in the provision of public and commercial services compared to any other citizen*
- *in some circumstances special treatment may be appropriate especially for the injured or bereaved.*

Section 2: Demonstrating our Commitment

2.1 We recognise the value serving personnel, reservists, veterans and military families bring to our business and to our country. We will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, by:

- **Promoting the Armed Forces:** promoting the fact that we are an Armed Forces-friendly organisation, through our dealings with Local Authorities and Educational Departments
- **Armed Forces Community:** We commit to putting Armed Forces children and their families at the forefront of everything we do, working with educators ensuring that children who must transition into the Scottish education system are in no way disadvantaged compared to their civilian counterparts.
- **Tri-service Support:** We will work with the three family federations Navy, Army and Air Force to share information relating to supporting families and children. Work with these organisations to ensure the free flow of information and support available in the run up to and during family separation due to deployment.
- **Reservist and Veterans;** We will work with and support Reservist and Veterans organisation particularly during key times such as deployment and transitioning out of service to ensure that the families and children feel supported and have access to the educational information they need.
- **National Events:** supporting Armed Forces Day, Reserves Day, the Poppy Appeal, and Remembrance activities by promoting these through our website and social media.

2.2 We will publicise these commitments through our literature and/or on our website, setting out how we will seek to honour them and inviting feedback from the Service community on how we are doing.