



The Royal British Legion

Supporting Service Children in School Best Practice Guides

The Royal British Legion has produced two new best practice guides focusing on Service children in school in England and in Wales.

Supporting Service Children In School in England and *Supporting Service Children In School in Wales* look at some of the big challenges facing Service children today and, by sharing examples of good practice from across England and Wales, recommends ways in which local authorities, schools, and families themselves can improve the experience of Service children through school.

Problems associated with admissions into schools and the possible adverse effects on a Service pupil's wellbeing are explored, with examples of existing good practice used to illustrate what actions can be taken to improve the experience for those affected.

The guides also contain information on the extra funding available to support Service children in school. Through the Service Pupil Premium, the Education Support Fund and more.

These guides will be relevant to all who have an interest in improving the provision of education to Service children, be they schools, local authorities, government or Service families themselves.

Key recommendations include:

- Encouraging schools to be creative with the use of funding available for Service pupils and to share ideas and practice through networks of schools with Service children on the roll.
- Suggesting that local authorities facilitate collaboration between schools, local military units, and local authority staff to ensure that everyone is aware of the challenges faced by Service children and what can be done to address them.
- Encouraging Service families to make use of help available from the Ministry of Defence, Department for Education, and charities and other organisations such as MKC Heroes and the three families federations.

Digital copies, including a Welsh language version, are available to download on the Legion's website via:

www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/campaign/support-for-service-children/

(Or search for 'Service children' from the website homepage)

If you would like hard copies please email: publicaffairs@britishlegion.org.uk



About The Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion is at the heart of a national network that supports our Armed forces community through thick and thin – ensuring that their unique contribution is never forgotten.

We were created as a unifying force for the military charity sector at the end of the First World War, and still remain one of the UK's largest membership organisations. The Legion is the largest welfare provider in the Armed Forces charity sector, providing financial, social and emotional support, information, advice, advocacy and comradeship to Service personnel, veterans and their dependants. In 2015/16, we responded to over a million requests for help - more than ever before.

For further information, please visit: www.britishlegion.org.uk

For support, call our helpline on 0808 802 8080. We're open 8am-8pm, 7 days a week.