

SERVICE FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024



Hello everyone!

Welcome back to school and a very warm welcome to all our new Service children and their families. I trust that you are all settling well in to your new homes, respective schools and jobs.

Moving to a new area can come with challenges, but I want to assure you that you are not alone. We have a fantastic support network for military families in York including but by no means limited to: experienced staff in schools, AWS, Unit Welfare and me, so please do not hesitate to ask should you need anything.

I really hope that you enjoy your time in York and make the most of all this wonderful city has to offer. Have a wonderful Autumn term!

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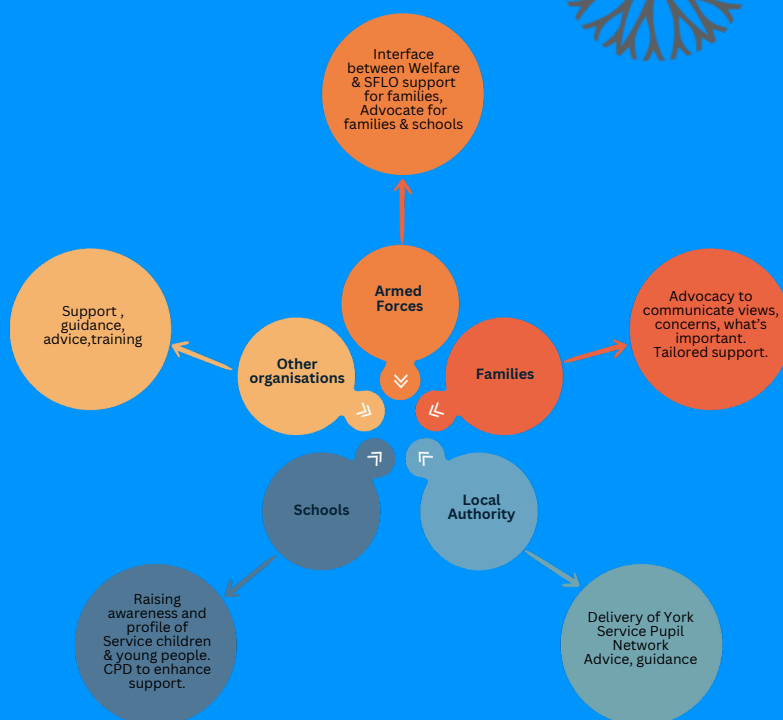
Supporting the Armed Forces



Having spent many years as part of the military community in the RAF, I have experienced first hand the challenges that are inherent to duty and service within the Armed Forces (eg, frequent moves, long periods of separation, deployment, little or no contact) and have witnessed the impact they can have on military families and children. The impact that military life has on families should never be underestimated.

I interface across all areas working both proactively and reactively offering support, advice and guidance.

Working collaborative is key to improving the scale and quality of support for the military community and our impact on Service children & young people's lives.



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Updates...



Wraparound childcare

The way families register and claim for wraparound childcare changed from 19 February 2024.

The Wraparound Childcare (WAC) scheme was created by the MOD to help working families with the cost of wraparound childcare for children aged between 4-11 years old, either attending school or being home educated.

Families are able to claim up to 20 hours a week of capped by region funding for wraparound childcare (before and after school care) for each child during term time. This can be used with any Ofsted approved (or equivalent) childcare setting. The childcare provider must be able to accept payments from Tax-Free Childcare accounts.



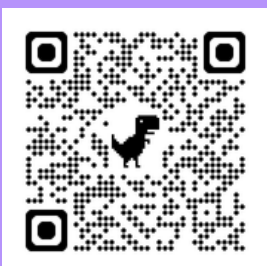
Scan this QR Code to find out more about WAC for Armed Forces families



Funding entitlements

Do you have toddlers or teens? You could get support from the Government for the cost of your childcare.

Click the links below to find out more.

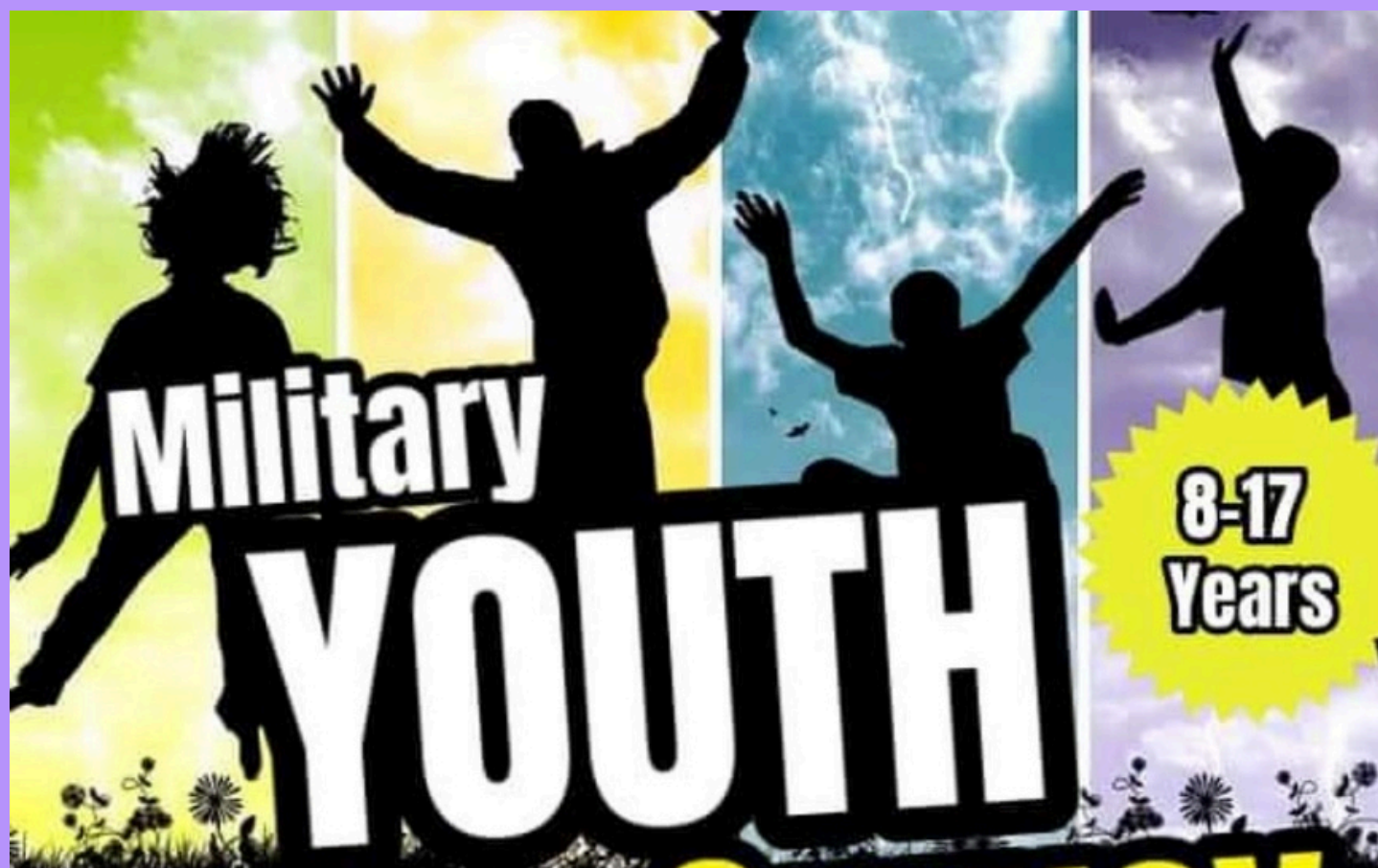


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[Government Childcare Choices](#)





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Voice Survey

Your Voice Matters !!



Military Young People from across the UK came together to design this survey. Their idea is to gather as many voices as possible. Results will shape services, develop support and make a positive difference for all Military Young People.

SCAN THE CODE !!



<https://forms.office.com/e/MbX44R8RiN>

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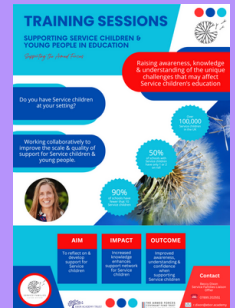
Community Involvement

2023 - 2024



Termly meetings with schools and professionals
Guest speakers

Over 450 professionals, teaching staff and PGCE students trained



Family event
2 football matches
Entertainment



Collaborative outreach
York St John University
Campus visits



School assemblies and events

In collaboration with NYCC



9 categories
80 guests
9 judges
2 bands
and 1 Gladiator!



800 children
19 military units
Over 1000 icecreams!



Service to Remember
Ripon Cathedral
736 children
50 VIPs



76 children attended and took part in 3 workshops to gather their views





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A message from me...

In 2022, funding was secured for two years thanks to a successful funding bid, submitted by the Ebor Academy Trust, I begin this term in the 2nd year of that funding.

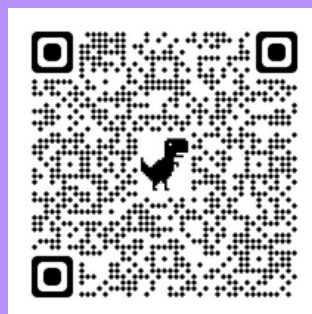
Last year saw many opportunities opened up for Service children across York and North Yorkshire. I have worked with the North Yorkshire Service Children's Champion throughout my time in this role; this year will see further development of our collaborative working, which will open up further opportunities for Service Children and Young people across York and North Yorkshire.

Last year I designed a comprehensive training package of continual professional development courses that offered teachers and other professionals supporting Service children and young people an opportunity to develop their awareness and understanding of the unique challenges that are part of everyday life for military families, further enhancing the support network for Service families. Across the course of last year, these courses were successfully delivered to over 450 PGCE secondary/primary students, teaching staff and professionals. I am looking forward to delivering the programme again this year and developing additional resources to enhance the current course.

As I move in to my 10th year supporting the military community in York, I will continue to raise awareness and advocate on behalf of our Service children and young people. I am certain that each child who is new to our city will be given the very best support by school staff, but should you need any advice or support please don't hesitate to contact me.

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For more information please follow this link:



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