



Ministry
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Directorate Children & Young People

2021 Education Support Fund (ESF)

The ESF, launched in 2011 and subsequently extended by the Secretary of State for Defence (2018-2020), provided funding to assist publicly funded Schools, Academies and Free Schools throughout the UK to mitigate the effects of exceptional mobility and/or deployment of their Service communities; Regular Armed Forces, including Reserves on Full Time commitment (FTRS FC).

In light of ongoing rebasing activity, with further unit and personnel moves expected, the Army Top Level Budget will fund £3 million for the extension of the ESF.

The 2021 ESF bidding round opens on Monday 1 June 2020 and closes at 12.00pm (midday) on Wednesday 7 October 2020. Applications from England, Scotland and Wales should be forwarded to DCYP-MOD-ESF-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk. Applications from Northern Ireland should be forwarded to RC-AWS-N-38X-0mailbox@mod.gov.uk.

Applications can be accepted from publicly funded Schools, Academies, Free Schools, 6th Form colleges or from Local Authorities on behalf of publicly funded schools in their area. Result letters will be circulated in January 2021 with payments made to successful applicants in March/April 2021. Since 2011, the ESF has distributed some £38 million. The £2 million awarded from the 2020 ESF supported around 25,000 Service children from all three Services.

Service parents are encouraged to raise awareness of the ESF at their child's school.

For further information, guidance and an application pack, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-support-fund-for-schools-with-service-children-grant-application-pack>.

For General Enquiries please email: DCYP-MOD-ESF-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk

