



Ministry
of Defence

Directorate Children & Young People

2020 Education Support Fund (ESF)

The ESF is open to publicly funded schools, Academies and Free Schools in the UK attended by Service children, where schools have to mitigate the effects on those Service children whose parents are subject to frequent mobility/deployment.

In light of the ongoing drawdown from Germany and to provide time for the educational authorities across the UK to bring in longer-term provision for Service children as necessary, the Secretary of State for Defence extended the ESF in July 2018 for an additional two years. The fund consisted of £3 million in 2018/19 and the 2020 ESF bidding round has £2 million to award.

The 2020 ESF bidding round opens on Monday 3 June 2019 and closes at 12.00pm on Monday 30 September 2019. 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 school in their area. Result letters will be circulated in January 2020 with payments made to successful applicants in March/April 2020.

Since 2011, the ESF has distributed some £36 million. The £3M awarded from the 2019 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

