

**Grants awarded under the Armed Forces Families Fund: Early Years programme 2024/25 – September 2024**

**12 grants totalling £388,820,00**

Organisation	Project Title	Grant Amount (£)	Project Description
<b>England</b>			
Action for Children	Resilient Allies	£50,000	This project will provide Service children the opportunity to enrich their cultural knowledge and learning experience with an aim to create an enhanced outdoor learning environment that fosters wonder, exploration and resilience.
Action for Children	Wittering's Garden Oasis	£50,000	The Wittering's Garden Oasis project will support the emotional wellbeing of Service children, helping them feel calm, happy, and connected to nature. Outdoor learning will foster this connection, reducing stress, anxiety and improving mood, all of which are key when serving parents are deployed.
Alexander First School	EYFS Nurture Hub	£50,000	The project will provide trained staff to deliver a specific curriculum to develop personal, social, and emotional skills to foster good relationships in Service children. The environment will offer a range of sensory and calming activities to enhance emotional regulation and expected development.
Bulford St Leonard's	Sensory Room	£17,528	This initiative aims to create a sensory room to support the emotional and developmental needs of Service children in their care who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).
Catterick Garrison Preschool Group	Our Community, Let's Embrace it.	£ 9,314	The project will help all children in the programme connect with the community, regardless of age, including forest sessions and visits to local groups and landmarks. The pre-school will aim to improve

			communication and language skills as part of their current curriculum.
Children's Links	Specialist Support for RAF Waddington	£50,000	The aim of the project is to improve the skills and knowledge of staff to provide better learning environments. Employed specialist staff will deliver intensive learning and development training within the nursery, including the development of sustainable teaching practice and transition processes, to improve the outcome for all children.
Invicta Park Playgroup	Inspiring Confidence and Curiosity	£49,000	This playgroup will further develop and enhance the setting, predominately for children aged 6-36 months and including children with additional educational needs up to age of five years. The project will focus on both indoor and outdoor areas to ensure the provision of a safe and stimulating environment.
Naval Under Fives (Eastern Area)	Naval Under Fives Expansion	£10,000	This new provision will offer bespoke childcare and education for Service children under the age of three years.
Naval Under Fives (Eastern Area)	Wrap Around Care	£ 8,000	The Wrap Around Care project will offer extended opening hours to support working Service families.
Portsmouth City Council	Armed Forces Early Years Cluster	£ 42,070	The cluster project will develop a network of Armed Forces friendly settings within the city of Portsmouth, sharing best practice to meet the needs of Service children and connecting families to additional available support within the local area to mitigate against the challenges of Service life.
<b>Scotland</b>			
Action for Children	Reflection Spaces	£15,000	Reflection Spaces aims to create calming, comfortable spaces for Service children to relax and self-regulate. New designated areas in each room will include sensory resources, soft furnishing and specific resources to support the wellbeing of children and allow them to rest and recharge.
Dreghorn Pre-School and Creche	Where Service Children Matter	£37,908	The project aims to expand provision by offering a breakfast club, improving outcomes in health and wellbeing. This initiative seeks to

			create a nurturing environment where children can develop essential skills and build a foundation for lifelong learning.
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