

Grants awarded under the Armed Forces Families Fund: Early Years programme 2025/26 – August 2025

11 grants totalling £364,787

Organisation	Project Title	Grant Amount (£)	Project Description
England			
Catterick Garrison Preschool Group	Eat, sleep, Play REPEAT	£32,470	This project will create a suitable area for the youngest children, who will be increasing their current entitlement from 15 to 30 hours per week in September 2025. It will also develop existing space to better accommodate babies, who are currently sharing areas with older children or placed in a spare room lacking real-world play space and learning resources.
Dandelion Day Nursery and Kids Club	0-2 expansion – Peony Room	£10,000	This project will expand provision in the 0-2 rooms in response to increased demand driven by new government funding for working parents. By creating additional part-time places, the project will alleviate the current pressure on space, which is limiting full-time availability for some military working families.
Greenroots Nursery	Community Pre- School project	£64,000	The project will provide a high-quality preschool provision within a recently opened nursery that currently caters only to babies and toddlers up to age three. By developing a complete childcare hub serving both military and local community, the project will increase sufficiency by 24 places, supporting the establishment of sustainable, long-term childcare for military families.
RAFAKidz Benson	RAFAKidz Benson	£11,196	RAFAKidz Benson will improve its indoor learning environment with new furniture and resources, along with practitioner training to enable service children to improve their speech and language, social skills and creativity, enhancing their educational development.

RAFAKidz Brize Norton	RAFAKidz Brize Norton Nursery	£ 5,000	Funding will enable practitioners to participate in bespoke training to enhance their understanding of the importance of attachment in key relationships and to explore the steps needed to support self-regulation in babies. They will learn how to follow babies' interest to create meaningful learning opportunities through practical strategies that nurture curiosity, connection, and growth.
Longhoughton CE Primary School	Early Years Outdoor Provision	£38,345	The setting will provide children in early years with an inspirational outdoor space for them to learn and grow together. They will be able to play, investigate and explore, which will impact the development of their language and communication, their fine and gross motor skills, and their overall wellbeing.
Penny Pot Nursery and Creche	Outdoor Learning Environment	£45,000	The nursery will enhance the outdoor learning environment allowing all year-round access as well as increasing learning opportunities covering all seven areas of learning.
RAFAKidz Cosford	RAFAKidz Cosford	£53,579	RAFAKidz Cosford will foster, support and develop the physical, emotional and wellbeing needs of service children by transforming the outdoor learning environment to enhance educational development.
RAFAKidz Cranwell	RAFAKidz Cranwell	£48,000	RAFAKidz Cranwell will improve its indoor learning environment by using hygge principles to provide comfortable and calm spaces that enable service children to develop speech and language and enable them to self-regulate, enhancing their educational development.
RAFAKidz Medmenham	RAFAKidz Medmenham	£28,580	RAFAKidz Medmenham will improve its indoor and outdoor learning environments via new furniture, resources and practitioner training to increase capacity within the setting and enable service children to access age appropriate and needs-led support to enhance their educational development.

RAFAKidz Wyton	RAFAKidz Wyton	£28,617	RAFAKidz Wyton will improve its indoor and outdoor learning environments to enable service children to develop strong attachments and enhance their educational development.
Total £364,787			