Suggested email/letter to schools.

**Subject: The Thriving Lives Toolkit: Helping schools support children in Armed Forces families**

The **Thriving Lives Toolkit** [[hyperlink for email version]](https://thrivinglives.scipalliance.org/) is a **free** evidence-based framework of seven principles to assess, develop and implement a support structure to best allow Armed Forces children to thrive.  Whether you have one Armed Forces family or are supporting a largely military population, the Thriving Lives toolkit online platform will help you reflect on and improve your support.

The Thriving Lives Toolkit [hyperlink for email version] interactive platform developed by the Service Children’s Progression (SCiP) Alliance [[hyperlink for email version]](https://www.scipalliance.org/) in partnership with the Office for Students Uni Connect Programme [[hyperlink for email version]](https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/promoting-equal-opportunities/uni-connect/) and The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust [[hyperlink for email version]](https://covenantfund.org.uk/) was launched this week.

A Service child is defined by the SCiP Alliance as ‘a person whose parent or carer serves in the Regular Armed Forces, or as a Reservist, or has done at any point during the first 25 years of that person’s life’.

Children can benefit from life in a military family, but they are under-represented in higher education, may not always achieve as highly as their peers and can experience hidden mental health and well-being challenges. Service children can experience disrupted schooling and challenges with access to extra-curricular activities and with the curriculum when transitioning between schools.

Service families may move frequently, with little agency and at short notice and many experience frequent separation, anxiety during deployment and the stress of transition out of the military, all which may have complex impacts on children and young people.

The **Thriving Lives Toolkit** [[hyperlink for email version]](https://thrivinglives.scipalliance.org/) online platform allows schools to directly reflect on practice supporting these children and young people, update progress and report on activity and plans. It will also allow the school to gain insight into evidence-based guidance for for helping the children of Armed Forces personnel and veterans to thrive at school. The platform’s user-friendly interface allows multiple members of staff to access the school’s record and chart their progress and goals without requiring additional software training or knowledge.

Visit [SCiP Alliance](https://www.scipalliance.org/) for more information or [click this link to access The Thriving Lives Toolkit](https://thrivinglives.scipalliance.org/)

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