



## **Kingsland CE Primary School**

**We commit to uphold the Armed Forces Covenant and support the Armed Forces Community. We recognise the contribution that Service personnel, both regular and reservist, veterans and military families make to our organisation, our community and to the country.**

Signed on behalf of:

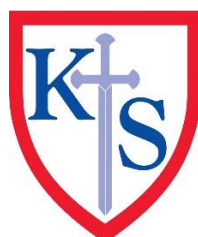
**Kingsland CE Primary School**

Signed: 

Name: Mr Stewart Debenham

Position: Headteacher

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025



# The Armed Forces Covenant

An Enduring Covenant Between

The People of the United Kingdom  
His Majesty's Government

– and –

All those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces of the Crown

And their Families

The first duty of Government is the defence of the realm. Our Armed Forces fulfil that responsibility on behalf of the Government, sacrificing some civilian freedoms, facing danger and, sometimes, suffering serious injury or death as a result of their duty. Families also play a vital role in supporting the operational effectiveness of our Armed Forces. In return, the whole nation has a moral obligation to the members of the Naval Service, the Army and the Royal Air Force, together with their families. They deserve our respect and support, and fair treatment.

Those who serve in the Armed Forces, whether Regular or Reserve, those who have served in the past, and their families, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services. Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most, such as the injured and the bereaved.

This obligation involves the whole of society: it includes voluntary and charitable bodies, private organisations, and the actions of individuals in supporting the Armed Forces. Recognising those who have performed military duty unites the country and demonstrates the value of their contribution. This has no greater expression than in upholding this Covenant.

## Section 1: Principles of The Armed Forces Covenant

1.1 We, **Kingsland CE Primary School**, will endeavour to uphold the key principles of the Armed Forces Covenant:

- *Members of the Armed Forces Community should not face disadvantages arising from their service in the provision of public and commercial services.*
- *In some circumstances special provision may be justified, especially for those who have given the most, such as the injured or bereaved.*

## Section 2: Demonstrating our Commitment

2.1 We recognise the contribution that Service personnel, reservists, veterans, the cadet movement and military families make to our organisation, our community and to the country. We will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant by:

- **Promoting the Armed Forces:**

We will publicise these commitments through our literature and/or on our website, setting out how we will seek to honour them and inviting feedback from the Armed Forces Community and our stakeholders on how we are doing.

- **Employment support to members of the Armed Forces Community:**

- ✓ Offer work placements, insight days, and/or mentoring schemes to **Veterans** seeking employment.
- ✓ Support the employment of Service **spouses, partners and dependants**, for example by: signing up to [Forces Families Jobs](#); offering short-notice leave to those whose partners are sent on deployment; and working with the tri-Service Families Federations.
- ✓ Promote **employment schemes** aimed at the Armed Forces Community, such as '[A Great Place to Work](#)' and '[Step Into Health](#)'.
- ✓ Offer insight days to older **Cadets** looking for apprenticeships and further education opportunities.

- **Communications, engagement and outreach:**

- ✓ Promote the Armed Forces Covenant and our support for the Armed Forces Community to our staff, stakeholders, and the wider public.
- ✓ Support or promote **Armed Forces events**, such as Armed Forces Day/Week, Reserves Day, the Poppy Appeal and Remembrance activities.
- ✓ Use the **Covenant and Employer Recognition Scheme logos** in our communications and marketing.
- ✓ Create a dedicated Armed Forces page on our **website**.
- ✓ Establish an internal **Armed Forces Network** within our organisation, to enable staff members with an Armed Forces connection to meet and support one another and provide feedback to you as an organisation.
- ✓ Appoint an **Armed Forces Champion** within our organisation to act as a focal point for organising and promoting support for the Armed Forces Community.

- ✓ Engage with and support **local Armed Forces charities**, for example by supporting their fundraising activities.
  - ✓ **Signpost** members of the Armed Forces Community to available support, for example from [Cobseo](#), the [Veterans' Gateway](#) or statutory services in our area.
  - ✓ Run, facilitate or promote **support networks** (such as coffee mornings, breakfast clubs) for veterans and other members of the Armed Forces Community.
  - ✓ Engage with any **local Armed Forces presence** – for example, local Army units, reservist units, RAF stations and/or naval bases.
  - ✓ Develop relationships and **work collaboratively with other organisations supporting the Covenant** and the Armed Forces Community in our locality/region.
- **Commercial:**
    - ✓ Ensure the Armed Forces Community has **fair access** to our services and is not put at a disadvantage by their service, for example as a result of their high mobility.
- **Health**
    - ✓ Promote **awareness-raising schemes**, such as veteran-friendly [accreditation for GP practices](#) and the [Veterans Covenant Healthcare Alliance](#).
    - ✓ Ensure available **dedicated healthcare services** for members of the Armed Forces Community, such as [Op COURAGE](#) in England, are signposted and promoted.
- **Housing:**
    - ✓ Promote **awareness** of housing and homelessness services among the Armed Forces Community.
- **Education:**
    - ✓ Note, promote and/or make use of the provisions for Armed Forces families in the **School Admissions Code** (England), for example by allocating school places in advance of a family arriving in a local area.
    - ✓ Promote and/or use resources such as the **Service Children Progression Alliance's** [Thriving Lives Toolkit](#).
    - ✓ Develop a clear strategy for the effective use of any **dedicated funding** (for example the [Service Pupil Premium](#) in England) in support of Service pupils.
    - ✓ Support and promote the **wellbeing of Service children**, recognising the particular experiences and challenges they may face.
- **Civic responsibilities:**
    - ✓ Organise, facilitate, promote and/or take part in **remembrance and other ceremonial activities**.