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Help for Armed Forces families to become school admissions savvy

With over 76,000 children from Armed Forces families attending schools in England, additional help is at hand to support these families to navigate the school admissions process. A new video, funded by Forces Connect South East and produced by Hampshire County Council, is now live - offering more detail on the steps Forces parents need to take to secure a school place for their child, with key dates for applications.

Hampshire is home to over 20,000 serving members, and the County Council was one of the first local authorities to sign the Armed Forces Covenant in England a national commitment that Service personnel, their families, Veterans and Reservists will be treated fairly.

It is not uncommon for children from Armed Forces families to move as many as 12 times during their school career, so it is important that parents have as much information on this process as possible. Local authorities school admissions teams will do their utmost to accommodate the wishes of families and ensure a school place is offered to them before they have moved to their new location.

This new video is intended to bring clarity to parents, setting out the process and drawing attention to the support that is available.

Two versions of the video have been created: a full version - A Guide to School Admissions for Service Children in England (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrYAhGO-tRE>); and an abbreviated version (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=benqam4kol4&feature=youtu.be>).

