

Service Children

We understand that life in the Armed Forces is unique, so occasionally you or your family might need a helping hand. Often, little things make the most difference. At Thomas Adams School, we will support your child through their academic journey. I am the main contact for this support and outlined below are the methods in which we aim to do this:-

Letting us know It is important that you make us aware of your Service status as this allows us to be pro-active with our intervention and secure the Service Child Premium Funding for your child (details of how this is spent can be found in the Pupil Premium Spend Report).

Intervention Team (Open Door!) We have a fantastic Intervention Team that will help your child settle in and assist in any problems they may have. Your child will be met by their Head of Year (as well as me) on day one and will have a consistent face (their Form Tutor) throughout their time with us.

Military Link We have regular contact and links with RAF Shawbury and look to forward any information regarding school life to the Community Link Officer so you are kept informed.

Support in learning We will monitor your child's attainment and progress in the key areas of English and Maths. If they require support in either of these areas we have subject specific tutors available who will work with them.

Moving from school We will produce an up-to-date assessment of your child's capability in readiness for their next school which will help with their transition to their new school. Conversely, if a service child joins our school, we will contact your previous school to obtain scholastic information. We also provide resources to help students deal with any curriculum gaps which may occur due to the changes in regional school syllabus.

Getting ready to move Moving around is one of the most difficult parts of life in the military for a young person. We are here to help when news of a move comes and to assist your child in preparing to join a new school.

Deployment We understand this can be a very challenging time for the whole family. We are here to support you if you need any help, Please contact Thomas Adams School on **01939 23700** and ask for **Mr McAleavy**, if you want to discuss any concerns that you may have. We can monitor any changes in behaviour and levels of happiness, working with you to ensure as smooth a time as possible.

Mr McAleavy (Senior Teacher – Standards)