

Pre-Teen Talks

**You have the
right to give your
opinion, and for
adults to listen and
take it seriously**

'UNCRC Article 12'

The voices of Primary pupils

RCET is committed to taking a children's rights-based approach to all aspects of our work and is committed to listening to the voices and gathering the views of children and young people.

Key Messages

Our families and friends are really important to us



We need people to help us feel safe when times are difficult



We feel a real sense of loss and sadness when someone we love is away for a very long time



We have real worries about whether someone we love will ever come back to our family



Sometimes we get frightened, worried and upset but we can't help how we are feeling, so please don't get upset with us for feeling like this



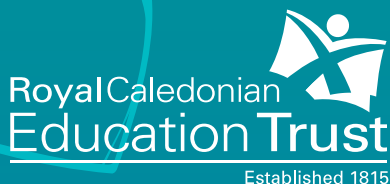
"Thank you for listening to me - I'm not often asked how I feel about being part of an Armed Forces family"

This project focused on providing opportunities for the children to share their views and have their voices listened to. It also collected information from them about what additional support they would like thus allowing professionals to shape their Action Plans accordingly.



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Primary school pupils from across
Scotland share their views on being
part of Armed Forces families.

What is it like being
part of an Armed
Forces family?

We get to meet new friends
and live in different places
(P4)
Not having dad home every
night is not good (P5)
Not much fun at times (P6)

My dad is away a lot
and misses loads of
family time (P5)
Feeling as if you don't
belong anywhere (P7)

What is it like
when someone
you love goes
away?

My mum plans more
fun things for us to
do on the weekends
(P6)
I get anxious not
knowing when he
is coming back (P4)

What is it like
moving to
a new school?

Excited to start and
see new teacher and
class but scary not knowing if the
teacher and class are going to
be nice to you (P4)
Rubbish if you are made to do the
same topics as you've done before
- sometimes more than once (P6)
Anxious about not knowing your
way around the school (P5)

You can build up more friends as you
can still keep in touch with old friends
but make new ones as well (P6)
Scary as you don't know anyone to
begin with and you don't know if you
are going to get bullied (P5)
Mobile phones are good but not
as good as hanging out with your
friends in person (P7)

What is it
like moving
to a new
house?

Great if I get to pick my new
room (P7)
It can be exciting but not being
near family is not so good (P5)

What is it like
moving away
from old friends
and meeting
new ones?