

National Curriculum

Set of subjects & standards used by schools. Other schools & academies don't have to follow the national curriculum.—
<https://www.gov.uk/national-curriculum>

Incident Weather & School Closures

School closures happen because of an emergency like severe weather. Check if your child's school is closed on your local council website, **please have your post code handy:**

<https://www.gov.uk/check-school-closure>

Installation Incident Weather Numbers:

RAFL: 01638543541

RAFm: 01638543541

Single Dad Association

RAFL/RAFm/RAFF

Meetings (lunch provided) are held once monthly at Lakeneath Elementary School Conf Rm

1100-1300

For More Information & Meeting Dates Contact:
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EFMP-Family Support

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Mildenhall A&FRC
238-3406
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Early Learning-15 Hrs of Free Childcare

(Off Installation Establishments):

Through the UK government all 3 and 4-year olds are entitled to 15 (**US Forces not entitled to add '15 hrs**) hours of free early education for 38 weeks for the year. This applies until they reach compulsory school age (the term following 5th birthday).

The early education can take place in nurseries, play groups, preschools or at their childminders.

Contacts

Phone: Suffolk Families Information Service on: **0845 60 800 33**
(local call rate number)

Lines are open Monday to Friday
9:00am to 5:00pm

Email:
childcare.planning@suffolk.gov.uk

Website:
www.suffolk.gov.uk/family

| Age on 31 Aug | UK Year | US Grade | Curriculum Stage |
|--|-----------|------------|---|
| 3 | Nursery | | Funded Early Years |
| 4 | Reception | Pre-Kinder | Early Years- Teacher assessments |
| 5 | Year 1 | Kinder | Key Stage 1: Phonics screening check |
| 6 | Year 2 | 1st Grade | National tests & teacher assess. In eng, maths & science |
| 7 | Year 3 | 2nd Grade | Key Stage 2 |
| 8 | Year 4 | 3rd Grade | |
| 9 | Year 5 | 4th Grade | |
| 10 | Year 6 | 5th Grade | National tests & teacher assess. In eng, maths & science |
| 11 | Year 7 | 6th Grade | Key Stage 3 |
| 12 | Year 8 | 7th Grade | |
| 13 | Year 9 | 8th Grade | |
| Please seek guidance if considering secondary education in UK schools. | | | |
| 14 | Year 10 | 9th Grade | Key Stage 4: Year 10 some take GCSE's; Yr 11 most take |
| 15 | Year 11 | 10th Grade | GCSE's or other national qualifications. |
| 16 | Year 12 | 11th Grade | Sixth Form-A Levels are the traditional qualifications offered by schools and colleges for 16-19 yr olds. |
| 17 | Year 13 | 12th Grade | |

UK Enrolled Information



CYES-School Liaison Office



Advocate-Advice-Alliance Build

Student Focused-Partnership Driven

**Airman & Family Readiness Center,
RAF Lakenheath, Bldg 950, Ground Floor**

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RAF Lakenheath/Mildenhall School Liaison Office

Commands, Schools, Homes. *Helping Students Succeed.*

The RAF Lakenheath/RAF Mildenhall School Liaison Office (SLO) serves as a community facilitator; connecting schools, families, and community services to address education issues impacting military children.



Building installation, school, & community partnerships

US Forces Families Enrolled in UK Schools:

The Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) allows US Forces Families assigned to RAF Lakenheath, RAF Mildenhall & RAF Feltwell w/command sponsored students to enroll in UK Schools:

- ◆ Please respect the host nation's school policies and rules.
- ◆ It is ok to inform a UK school of your US Forces affiliation. Your accent is a huge clue.
- ◆ During deployment & reintegration, students may experience social/emotional challenges. In advance of a deployment, please speak with the school, they may be able to offer support. *Our office is able to provide MFLC contact info & pre-deployment/reintegration letters!*
- ◆ If you plan to withdraw your student, to PCS or to enroll in a DoD school, please provide the school with at least, a 2 week advance notice. *It is in your best interest to collect your students school records/ workbooks (when avail.)*
- ◆ If you are PCS'ing the SLO can provide a "Transition Checklist" and/or connect you with your gaining installation's SLO.

UK School Information

Are you interested in applying for a place at a UK school in Suffolk, Norfolk or Cambridgeshire Counties? *Ask about our Step by Step Guide!*

Our office is able to help your family understand the application process for UK schools. If you have questions you may call to make an appointment or drop in and visit with us.

UK County Council School Links:

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-primary-school-place-for-the-20182019-school-year/>

<http://www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk/index.htm>

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-&-learning/>

Ask your student's school about their clubs/activities & about how to get involved!

UK Free School Meals:

Infant free school meals in England: Your child will be able to get free school meals if they're in a government-funded school and in:

- reception class
- Year 1
- Year 2

Beyond year 2, your student may be able to get free meals if the guardian is eligible to receive:

- UK Child Tax Credit & earn an annual gross income of less than £16,190.
- Visit website below for full details.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

School Transportation is not typically Provided. More guidance can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/help-home-school-transport>

School Attendance

In regards to school absences, planned or unplanned, US Forces families who are enrolled in UK school are encouraged to maintain open lines of communication at all times.

In the UK students 5 and up must receive an education. If your student is absent even for one day, you may be contacted by:

The school or the council's education welfare officer-*if* they believe the child is not receiving an education.

PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL ASAP IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT.

Your student may miss school if they are:

- ◆ ill
- ◆ Or have advance permission.

If you exceed unauthorized absences, you can be fined.

More guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

School Term and Holidays

The UK schools surrounding in Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire all follow a year round schedule. They begin in early September and go through till the 3rd week of July. When their schools are out for holidays and summer break their offices are completely closed. Term and holiday calendars can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-term-holiday-dates>