



# The Ferrers School

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Dear Parents and Carer,

Your child has expressed an interest in joining the new and exciting Ferrers School Combined Cadet Force. I hope to provide as much information as I can in this letter, but if you would like more information please contact me on [drayner@theferrers.org](mailto:drayner@theferrers.org).

## What is CCF?

It is Army Cadets but run as an after-school activity. It involves military and other youth activities after school on Wednesdays and on occasional weekends and a week in the summer. It is staffed largely by Ferrers school staff and only attended by students at our school.

## Some questions you may have

### It's the same as joining the Army.

No, The CCF is only sponsored financially by the MOD. There is military content in the training and a rank structure, but the organisations are separate. The emphasis is about having a great experience.

### Cadets are expected to join up.

No, not at all. Most don't. It's about having a great experience and entirely voluntary. The army are not actually permitted to recruit from cadet units.

### What is this going to cost me?

Very little. There are a few items, like boots, that are not provided. Occasionally there may be a small charge for some activities but uniform, equipment, accommodation is all paid for by the MOD. In cases of hardship there are systems in place to help. Cost is not a barrier to joining.

### It's all drill and following orders.

Yes, there is drill and there will be orders, but only to keep things safe when on activities. Many activities encourage leadership, teamwork and responsibility. Valuable life skills that employers' value.

### Is it risky or dangerous?

All cadet staff are vetted to the same levels as teachers, or beyond. In the case of activities, there is some element of risk, but it is all within a very safe system developed by the MOD. Risk assessments are rigorous, and the risks are kept as low as possible.

If you wish to apply for a place, please fill out the application form and return with your child's statement, as soon as possible to Mr Rayner (Room D5). We hope to inform successful applicants by 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours faithfully,

*Dean Rayner*

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(Contingent Commander)



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