



Army Families Federation Factsheet: SCE Schools in Cyprus

General

Service Children's Schools are established in both SBA's (Sovereign Base Areas) to provide education facilities comparable to those available in the UK. Local administrative responsibility for those schools is vested in the Commander British Forces (CBF) Cyprus, who exercises control through the Command Education Adviser, Headquarters Training & Educational Services (HQ ETS), Episkopi. All Service Children's Schools in Cyprus are staffed by experienced UK based and locally employed teachers and follow the National Curriculum of England and Wales.

Primary Education

There are five Service Primary Schools on the island which are located as follows:

ESBA	Dhekelia, Pergamos and Ayios Nikolaos Tel: 00357 24 74 4288 or 4820
WSBA	Episkopi Tel: 00357 25 96 3425 Akrotiri Tel: 00357 25 27 6167 or 6197

All the schools comprise an infant and junior department and cater for the 5 -11 year old age group. Parents who live in hirings in Limassol pending the allocation of a quarter on main base should be aware of the complications of this on primary aged children's education.

Secondary Education

ESBA	King Richard School, Dhekelia, BFPO 58 Tel: 00357 24 74 4777 or 4778
WSBA	St Johns School, Episkopi, BFPO 53 Tel: 00357 25 96 3888

All pupils follow the National Curriculum which is suitable for pupils of all abilities. At the end of Year 11, pupils sit General Certificates of Education (GCSE's) set by the Southern Examining Group and University of London Examinations and Assessment Council. Post 16 there is provision to study 'A' levels in most subjects, as well as National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs) and GNVQ at St John's and the National Diploma of Vocational Education in Business Studies, Catering, Child Care, Manufacturing and Recreational Studies.

General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) - Transfer of Pupils

Parents are advised that courses leading to GCSE qualification sometimes require pupils to be assessed on the work they have done during the course as well as by final examination. The proportion of course work taken into account for the final grade will vary from course to course, but in most cases it will be at least 20% and in certain subjects significantly greater. When a pupil studying for GCSE moves to a new school, both within the UK and to or from a Service school overseas, it is essential to ensure that credit is received for work already done. Therefore, a full record of course work already completed and assessed, together with samples of course work, must be provided for the new school. It follows that parents should ensure that all available documentation relating to GCSE course work is obtained from the current school and is safely transferred to the new school. The onus is on the parent.

School Transport

An extensive free bus service carries children to and from school where necessary. Details of timings and pick up points can be obtained from the school.

Dress

Parents are advised to consult individual schools about school uniform before buying clothes.