

Service Pupil Premium 2017-18

What is the Service Pupil Premium?

- The Department for Education introduced the Service Pupil Premium (SPP) in April 2011 in recognition of the specific challenges children from Service families face and as part of the commitment to delivering the armed forces covenant
- SPP is provided by the Department for Education to State maintained schools, Free schools and Academies in England who have children of Regular Armed Forces personnel among their pupil population to provide additional (mainly pastoral) support
- The Premium is currently £300 per Service child (Reception-Year 11) and is paid directly to schools who will determine how the funds are to be utilised
- It is not transferable between schools and does not move with a pupil when they leave the school
- SPP is different from Pupil Premium

Who is eligible for SPP?

Pupils attract the SPP if they meet the following criteria:

- One parent is serving in the regular Armed Forces, one of their parents has died whilst serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme, one of their parents has left including through injury for up to a maximum of 5 years (Ever 5 Service child)
- they have been registered as a 'Service child' in the school census at any point since 2011

How does school claim the SPP?

Schools will only be able to claim the SPP if the parents of those eligible children declare their child's service status to the school, before the annual school census which takes place annually, normally around mid- January each year, and children must be registered with the school before this date. You are encouraged to contact school and make them aware your child is from a Service family. If you are unsure about your child's eligibility, please speak to your school.

How does Service Pupil Premium differ from Pupil Premium?

The SPP is there for school to provide mainly pastoral support for Service children, whereas Pupil Premium was introduced to raise attainment and accelerate progress for disadvantaged groups (pupils eligible for Free School Meals, looked after children and children who have been adopted from care.)

How is SPP used in our school?

In order to support the pastoral needs of Service children, we maintain our flexibility over how we use SPP, as we are best placed to understand and respond to specific needs of the pupils for whom the funding had been allocated. Currently the funding goes mainly towards employing additional members of staff who provide support, both academic and pastoral, to Service children.

SPP is not allocated directly to the individual child for their personal use and is not used to subsidise routine school activity (trips, music lesson etc.)

School is held accountable for the spending of this funding through Ofsted inspections.

If you would like more information on how SPP is used in school please do not hesitate to contact us.

If you would like more information on SPP, including the criteria for eligibility, please visit:

www.gov.uk/service-premium-information-for-schools

www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-2015-to-2016-allocations/pupil-premium-2015-to-2016-conditions-of-grant