



Service Pupil Premium
Information for families for 2025-2026

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Service Pupil Premium

The Department for Education (DfE) introduced the Service pupil premium (SPP) in recognition of the specific challenges children from service families face and as part of the commitment to delivering the armed forces covenant.

Eligible schools receive the SPP so that they can offer mainly pastoral support during challenging times and to help mitigate the negative impact on service children of family mobility or parental deployment.

Eligibility criteria

- If one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces (including pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full time reserve service)
- If they have been registered as a 'service child' on a school census since 2016. Ex service personnel should tell the school if they left the armed forces within the last 6 years. Under the DfE's ever 6 service child measure, schools will continue to receive SPP for up to 6 years for children whose parent(s) left the armed forces, provided the children were recorded as service children in a school census from 2016 onwards (prior to their parent(s) leaving the forces).
- If the child receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme

Support available for academic year 2025- 2026

In order to support the pastoral needs of service children, the funding could be spent on providing a variety of means of support, such as:

- We could help to fund counselling sessions where required
- If your child takes cookery lessons, we may be able to provide your ingredients to save costs and time
- If your child is in year 10 we can provide you with your child's individual list of recommended GCSE revision guides, and offer £50 funding towards this
- We could offer the use of technology at school to support the means of communication between students and their deployed parents
- Additional staff hours may be required to support the needs of service children when they join a new school as a result of a posting or when a parent is deployed



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