

Andrews' Endowed Church of England Primary School

Service Pupil Premium



It is of great importance to us that all of our children, regardless of when they transition to our school, feel secure and safe within our environment. Due to the small nature of our community, we are able to deliver bespoke intervention of need; whether it is educational or emotional thereby ensuring that every child succeeds.

We employ a trained ELSA who will, if required, work on a one to one basis with any child who needs emotional support whilst in our care.

What is the service pupil premium and how do we use it?

The purpose of the Service Pupil Premium

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.

Mobility is when a service family is posted from one location to another, including overseas and within the UK.

Deployment is when a service person is serving away from home for a period of time. This could be a 6 to 9 month tour of duty, a training course or an exercise which could last for a few weeks.

How Service Pupil Premium differs from the Pupil Premium

The SPP is there for schools to ***provide mainly pastoral support for service children***, whereas the Pupil Premium was introduced to raise attainment and accelerate progress within disadvantaged groups.

Schools should not combine SPP with the main Pupil Premium funding and the spending of each premium should be accounted for separately.

What could the Service Pupil Premium be used for?

In order to support the pastoral needs of service children, schools have flexibility over how they use the SPP, as they are best placed to understand and respond to the specific needs of those pupils for whom the funding has been allocated. The funding could be spent on providing a variety of means of support including counselling provision, nurture groups.

Schools might also consider how to improve the level of and means of communication between the child and their deployed parents. In addition, 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 and these hours could be funded by the Service Pupil Premium.

SPP should not be used to subsidise routine school activity (trips, music lessons etc.), however, schools may choose to fund school trips just for service children, to help them enjoy their time at school and build a sense of a wider community and understanding of the

role their service parent plays (e.g. with military specific trips) to help them cope with the potential strains of service life.

Schools are held to account for the spending of this funding through the focus in Ofsted inspections on the progress and attainment of their wider Pupil Premium eligible pupil cohort.

Please note that this information has been taken from the gov.uk website <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-service-pupil-premium/service-pupil-premium-what-you-need-to-know>

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How do we use the SPP at Andrews' Endowed CE Primary School ?

At Andrews' all service children are invited to:

- Create a scrapbook and a diary to show their parents on their return, highlighting their achievements and day to day school life.
- We also offer the following pastoral support 1 to 1 sessions for children who need support especially when family members are deployed.
- Additionally we have a Wellbeing group, which focuses on strategies of sharing feelings and to develop confidence.
- Pop up *Time Together Sessions* for parents and family members to celebrate the children's work in school and to read stories together.
- The funding has also allowed school to give help and support where it is most needed such as reading support and reading intervention programmes run by our TA team. This support is tailored to the needs of the pupil or pupils and can be in small groups.

When and how do we receive the SPP?

Service parents are encouraged to ensure that the Head Teacher of their child(ren)'s school is made aware of their Service status for the Spring School Census which is always in January. The school will then receive the SPP (£300 per pupil) at the beginning of the new financial year, April.

Whichever school you are enrolled in on census day will receive that year's allocation – the SPP is not portable. This means that if you start at a new school at the end of January, (after census day) the school will not receive the SPP until the following April.