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Collection and Recording of Service Children in Education

In accordance with The Education (Information about Individual Pupils) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 schools must identify children who live with a parent, step-parent, parent's civil partner or a person with parental responsibility, who is a current member of the 'regular' armed forces and has been assigned Personal Status Category 1 or 2 by the Secretary of State for Defence.

For this purpose, please inform the school by email office@witchamptonfirstschool.org stating the child's name, confirming that he/she is a service child.

If you have any queries regarding this please contact the school office. The information provided will be used for research and policy development purposes. From time to time it will be passed to the Local Authority and the DCSF to contribute to local and national statistics. These statistics will not be published in a way that allows individual children to be identified. Data on individual pupils will not be shared with the MOD.

Parents can ask to check their child's information at any time and, if they wish, have the information amended.

What is Service Pupil Premium?

The Department for Education (DfE) introduced 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.

State schools, academies and free schools in England with children of service families (reception-age to Year 11) are eligible for SPP funding. SPP helps the school give additional support that the service child may need. It is currently worth £340 per child.

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



What SPP is used for

For examples of what schools are doing with SPP, visit: [Service pupil premium: examples of best practice](#).

Schools have flexibility over how they use the SPP, as they are best placed to understand and respond to the specific needs of their pupil the funding has been allocated to.

The funding could be spent on:

- support, including counselling
- clubs, e.g. 'skype time,' to help to improve means of communication between the child and their deployed parent(s)
- helping children to develop scrapbooks and diaries, highlighting their achievements and daily school life
- nurture groups
- after-school activities that support the specific needs of armed forces children, e.g. resilience-building out-of-hours childcare for service children which is supported by the [Wraparound Childcare Scheme](#)

Eligibility criteria

Pupils are eligible for SPP if they meet one of the following criteria:

- 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)
- they have been registered as a 'service child' on a school census in the past 6 years (see below the 'DfE's ever 6 service child measure')
- one of their parents died while 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 is in the armed forces of another nation and is stationed in England