

Service Premium

What is the Service Pupil Premium (SPP)?

- SPP is money that is paid directly to state schools, free schools and academies across England to support Service children. The current amount paid to each school is £335 per child in Years R-11.
- The Premium was introduced by the Department for Education (DfE) as part of the commitment to delivering the Armed Forces Covenant. The premium enables schools to provide extra support for children with parents in the Armed Forces.

Eligibility

- Children of currently serving Service personnel
- Children of members of the Full Time Reserve Service Full Commitment
- Children with a parent who has died in Service and are in receipt of a pension through the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme/War Pensions Scheme
- Children who have been recorded as a Service child on a school census in England at any time within the last 6 years. This covers children with parents who may now have left the Armed Forces but a school will continue to receive SPP under the DfE's ever 6 Service child measure
- SPP is separate from the Pupil Premium
- Schools decide how the money is to be spent on Service children mainly through pastoral support. Unlike the Pupil Premium, SPP is not for attainment; however, mobile Service children may need targeted help in a new school to catch up with their class or to cover gaps in understanding due to missing out on key learning areas
- Children who are electively home educated do not qualify for the SPP
- *Please note: If your child was never registered for SPP in England whilst the parent was serving, and the Service person has now left the Services, then they will not be able to register your child now for the school to claim SPP.*

