

Wednesday 5th February 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you well. We have had several enquiries, on the same day, regarding the £340 allocated to support your child as part of the Service Pupil Premium (SPP). This funding is specifically designated to offer pastoral support and resources to service children during challenging times, helping to mitigate the potential negative impacts associated with family mobility, separation, and parental deployment. We felt it was best to send out the information to all those involved but please do get in contact if you require any clarification on the following.

As you are aware, family mobility occurs when a service person is posted to different locations, both within the UK and overseas, often requiring separation from their families or necessitating a change in their family home. Separation is deemed to happen when a service person is sent to an unaccompanied location or when families choose to remain at home while a service member is deployed. Furthermore, parental deployment refers to the times when a service person serves away from home for extended periods, typically ranging from several months to a year.

Throughout this academic year so far, we have closely monitored our service children's progress to ensure that the small additional funding is/going to be utilised effectively and in a manner that fosters positive outcomes. To date, we have facilitated additional time with a Learning Support Assistant (LSA) for them, to engage in discussions of their choice.

Looking ahead, we intend to utilise the remaining funds for the purchase of a small camera each. This resource will be combined with a journal or diary, allowing the children to document notable moments at school whilst a parent is away.

To ensure that we can synchronise this support appropriately, I kindly ask that you inform us of the periods during which deployment occurs. This will allow us to provide our support at the most relevant times, enabling parents and children to share these special moments when the service member returns or allowing us to post these so that the parent can access whilst away. [To enable this please complete the link to the google form.](#)

Annually, we will conduct a review of our children's needs, allowing us to strategically allocate funding in a manner that supports their long-term development. This may include additional nurture work, transition assistance for future postings, or fostering connections with other service children.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or require further clarification. Your support in this collaborative effort is invaluable, and we look forward to working together to enhance your child's experience.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Kind regards

Emma