



2nd November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: SERVICE PUPIL PREMIUM

Our records show that your son/daughter currently meets one of the criteria below for the Service Pupil Premium (SPP)

- **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 the January school census at any point since 2016.**
- **one of their parents died whilst serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme**

For further information, please go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-service-pupil-premium> We receive Service Pupil Premium (SPP) government funding to help us ensure every student is successful

We will give your son/daughter some items that we would normally ask parents to buy. These include revision guides, workbooks, study planners and stationery including a calculator.

We have a Service Pupil Premium Champion appointed in 2016, Mrs Griffiths. She is one of our teachers and a former military wife who understands the challenges that Service children can face. She is available for advice and support where required.

If you do not have any objection to this support, there is no need to reply and we shall proceed as planned. However, if you feel that our records are not correct, please let me know via the telephone number below or by email at mmcneill@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk by Friday 26th November.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Miss M McNeill
Assistant Vice Principal

Service Pupil Premium



The Department for Education continues to provide the Service Pupil Premium to State Schools, Academies and Free Schools within England that have Service children on their school roll.

Service children are defined as Pupils in Year Groups Reception to Year 11 recorded as a Service Child since 2011 or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence.

For the 2021-22 school year the Service Pupil Premium for Service Children will be £310.00 per child in Reception Year, through to Year 11.

If a school is not aware that a child has a parent in HM Forces, the school will not be able to claim the additional funds available, thus reducing the support the school is able to provide for its Service students.

All parents with children in state funded schools in England should ensure that the Head Teacher of the school is made aware of their child(ren)'s Service status, **before the next Schools Census** (Thursday 20th January 2022). The information recorded by schools regarding Service status is protected, and the data regarding individual children is not shared.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I tell the school that my child is a Service child?

Some schools ask parents to provide characteristic information including the Services Children Indicator for their children. If you are asked to provide this information, please ensure that you indicate that your child is a Service child. If your school does not request this information please inform the school office that your child is a Service child, before Thursday 20th January 2022.

I don't want to tell the school because my child may be singled out.

If the school is not aware that your child is a Service child the school will not be able to claim the additional funds available to help to provide additional support for your child.

Does this apply to the children of Reserve personnel?

No. The Service Pupil Premium is only being given for the children of Regular Forces personnel. Reservists are not subject to the same high level of mobility and are more likely to have support through being permanently settled in their community.

How can I find out what the Service Pupil Premium is being used for in my child's school?

If you wish to know what the money is being spent on then you should approach school, either directly or through the Governing body.