

THE ARMED FORCES
COVENANT FUND TRUST



SERVICE PUPIL PREMIUM

Armed Forces Covenant

What is Service Pupil Premium?

There is confusion within the education system between the Pupil Premium (PP) and Service Pupil Premium (SPP). Fundamentally they are different pots of money of different amounts for different groups of children with different needs.

The Department for Education (DfE) supports the Armed Forces Covenant by:

- Providing Service Pupil Premium for children whose parents currently serve within the Armed Forces, and those children who have been recorded as having Service child status at any point in the last 6 years
- Allowing primary schools the ability to go over the capped 30 student infant class size for an Armed Forces child moving into area

“My dad went away over 200 times, and it takes its toll on your mental health”

Elizabeth



Schools can only claim if parents make them aware

Service families with children (reception to year 11) in state schools in England should make their Head Teacher or School admin aware of their 'Armed Forces status'

Once the school is aware they can register for SPP for any pupil from Reception to Year 11 and once registered they will continue to receive the premium under the 'Ever 6' provision even if their parents leave the Armed Forces.

"School was difficult because you always felt out of place"

Emily

What can Service Pupil Premium be used for?

SPP is available to provide children with pastoral care, though it can be used to support their academic progress and attainment if needed.

Money is paid for the total number of service children within the school and not for each specific child. It is up to the school and governors how the money is spent and the school will need to show this.

Examples of Good Practice

There may not be many children in the school that are eligible, but this could mean they are even more isolated and struggling to adapt.

- Academies could link up and provide after school clubs
- Welcome boxes could be made
- Homework groups set up
- Social events organised
- Awareness raising events in schools

“Working together to support our Local Armed Forces Community”

“School
was very hard
because no one
would talk to you,
teachers wouldn’t,
you would just be
there like ‘Hi’
and that was it.”

Emily

“My dad was
away and then he
would come back like
nothing had happened
and no one would talk
to you about it, so you
felt so isolated.”

Anon

“Growing up
my dad went away
a lot. It could have
been from a couple
of days to 6 months.
Sometimes you didn’t
know when he was
coming back.”

Elizabeth