

## **Service Pupil Premium for State Schools, Free Schools and Academies in England with Service children among their Pupil Population**

### **Call to action for the Service Pupil Premium for State Schools in England**

*Service Personnel with children in State Schools in England only have until 16 January 2014 to notify schools of their children's eligibility for the Service Pupil Premium (SPP)*

The Department for Education introduced the SPP in 2011, for maintained sector schools in England as part of their commitment to delivering the Armed Forces Covenant.

State Schools, Academies and Free Schools in England which have Service children in Reception to Year 11, are eligible to receive this funding, which is designed to assist the school to provide mainly non-educational support (known as pastoral care) to Service children. The SPP is currently £300 per Service child, paid directly to the school.

Schools will only be able to claim the SPP if the parents of those eligible children declare their child's Service status to their school Head Teacher, before the annual school census which is due to take place on 16 January 2014.

The SPP helps schools to support the unique challenges children with parents in the Armed Forces can often face.

The SPP has been put to good use in many schools across England. For example, South Farnborough Infant School in Hampshire has used the funding to purchase books for their library which have been written by parents who had previously been deployed. The school is also setting up a 'nurture' room where Service children can meet other Service children to talk through their experiences or concerns with a member of staff known as a 'smile' mentor. The mentor will help the children express their feelings.

Service parents who have children attending schools in England are urged to let their child's school know about their Service status before 16 Jan 2014.

For more information visit the Department for Education website:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/pupilsupport/pastoralcare/a00212882/service-children>

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