

Service Pupil Premium

The Department for Education introduced the Service Pupil Premium (SPP) in April 2011 in recognition of the specific challenges children from service families face and as part of the commitment to delivering the armed forces covenant.

State schools, academies and free schools in England, which have children of service families in school years Reception to Year 11, can receive the SPP funding. It is designed to assist the school in providing the additional support that these children may need and is currently worth £320 per service child who meets the eligibility criteria.

Eligibility criteria

Pupils attract the SPP if they meet the following criteria:

- one of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces
- they have been registered as a 'service child' in the school census at any point since 2011
- 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
- pupils with a parent who is on full commitment as part of the full time reserve service are classed as service children

Service Pupil Premium 2022-23

Funding received at Tattershall Primary School: £16 640

The Service Pupil Premium is provided by the Government mainly for pastoral support and we use the funding towards an additional Midday Supervisor and also towards our Lunchtime Club staff to run daily sessions where children who are nominated by their teachers can benefit from pastoral support at a time when a parent is deployed or if they feel they need additional support during the lunch hour or would benefit from having time in a small nurture group during the middle part of the school day. Not every child who is chosen will go to the club as some children much prefer to go outside and play during their lunch break where we also provide staff to support the children whilst they are playing and not involved in teacher directed learning activities.

We also put some of the funding towards Casy Counselling which is used to support some of our Service Children through play therapy. Staff will consult with parents if they think this service will be of benefit for their child's wellbeing and children usually undertake 7 or 8 weeks of sessions with our counsellor to help them with strategies to support them with any difficulties they need to overcome and to build resilience. Parents may also approach the school if they think their child will benefit from this support. It is very popular and we usually have a waiting list.

Some of the Service Pupil Premium funding pays towards a High Level Teaching Assistant so that a teacher can be released from their class at times when they need to work with Service children or their families to provide pastoral and wellbeing support such as starting the Early Help process to access parenting courses or making referrals for specialist teacher reports or services for children.

The impact of our Service Pupil funding can be seen in the happy and settled children from military families at our school and how inclusive we are in providing equal opportunities for all children whatever their backgrounds. We constantly review how we are ensuring the pastoral needs of our Service Pupils are met.