

Service Pupil Premium

at St John's Cathedral Catholic Primary School

What is the Service Pupil Premium?

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

How much is the Service Pupil Premium?

It is currently worth £310 per service child.

Who is eligible for Service Pupil Premium?

Pupils attract SPP if they meet one of the following criteria:

- 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 a school census since 2016, see note on the **DfE's ever 6 service child measure**
- 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

Service parents need to make the school aware of their status by talking to the head teacher or school admin staff.

What is the purpose of the Service Pupil Premium?

Eligible schools receive the SPP so that they can offer mainly pastoral support during challenging times and to help mitigate the negative impact on service children of family mobility or parental deployment.

How many children are eligible for the Service Pupil Premium at St John's?

Service Premium Children 2021/2022 = 2

How do we support the Service Pupil Premium children at St John's?

The support is mainly pastoral and will be tailored to the needs of the family and pupils. Some support is funded through the Service Pupil Premium and some is part of our wider pastoral offer.

- Providing ELSA support for groups or individuals during challenging times or when their parents/carers are deployed.
- Using ELSA support to share and manage emotions around deployment or mobility as well as providing ideas and activities which help the child feel connected to their parent/carer.
- Ensuring that there is capacity for the children to attend extra-curricular and homework clubs
- Being sensitive to world news and events that may unsettle children with parents in the services