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Dear Parents / Carers

**RE: SERVICE CHILDREN IN EDUCATION**

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Please indicate on the new starter form if the information below is applicable to you.

The service premium gives schools extra funding to support children and young people with parents in the armed forces. Pupils attract the premium if they meet 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 fulltime reserve)
- They have been registered as a 'service child' on the January school census at any point since 2015.
- 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

Children have to be flagged as service children ahead of the January school census deadline. Service parents need to make the school aware of their status by talking to the head teacher or school admin staff.

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.

Mobility is when a service family is posted from one location to another, including overseas and within the UK. The service premium is paid to schools as they are best placed to identify eligible pupils and assess what additional provision they need. Schools are responsible for using the service premium funding effectively.

If you should need to contact the school at any time to discuss the Service Premium please contact on the main school number or by e-mail [rgraves@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:rgraves@bestacademies.org.uk)

Yours faithfully

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