Monday 11th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of you will have heard about the additional funding that schools can receive to support children whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits; this is called pupil premium funding. However, the Department for Education also introduced something called 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.

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 £310 per service child who meets the eligibility criteria. The criteria are:

* 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

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. If we are to receive this funding to support your child, we need to be notified of children’s Service status before the **21st January 2021**. If you feel that this is applicable to your child, please complete the slip below and return it to school or email us on office@chestnuts.milton-keynes.sch.uk as soon as possible. A member of staff will then make contact with you.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Katie Robins
Deputy Head

**Service Pupil Premium (please return as soon as possible)**

My child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, should be registered with Service status

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