



Le Cateau

Community Primary School

Service Pupil Premium – Care, Guidance and Support Approaches

The SPP helps us to help your children overcome the challenges of service life. It would be impossible to fully explain all that the school does in this area, as every pupil is different and every circumstance they face is unique. That said, this guide sets out to explain some examples of things you can expect us to offer when we know your child is facing challenges.

Partnership with parents is vital for us; if you know that something is on the horizon which might affect your children, please let us know. Equally, if you feel that school might have 'missed something', or perhaps that your child isn't getting the pastoral support you feel they need – do please contact your child's class teacher and ask about accessing this additional input.

There are many issues faced by service pupils therefore the support of the SPP helps us to deal with the following areas:

- Separation anxiety
- Struggles with maintaining friendships
- Gaps in learning (due to frequent moves)
- Social, Emotional, Mental Health needs
- Difficulties with transitions (either their own, or other's)
- Pastoral issues
- Concerns re: 'next steps' and future schooling
- Delays in information transfer (between schools etc.)
- Special Educational Needs requiring 1:1 support / additional help

Each year, the Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body plan how to spend the SPP to ensure that we support the wellbeing of every pupil in the school. Whilst some of our provision may not be directly relevant to one particular child at a specific point in time, the pupil may well come to need this in the future. An example of this may relate to a child who may not have any parental deployments one year (thus not need the support of our Pastoral Mentor), but may experience this, and require support, the next. By using our SPP to provide such a mentor, the option is there for children whenever the need arises.

In addition, the transient nature of our school population (mobility) means that the school faces different demands than those of other Local Authority schools. Due to this, the school has to fund certain provisions which other schools do not. Some of the SPP is therefore spent to address these issues, allowing other funds to be channelled into other areas. For example, by using some of the SPP to fund the additional administrative hours that are required to address the mobility, we free up funding to provide additional teaching assistant hours to support children's learning in class allowing all children to access more direct 'teacher time'.