

Service Families

What is Service Pupil Premium?

Service Pupil Premium (SPP) is extra funding for schools to support children and young people with parents in the Armed Forces. This is provided in recognition of the specific challenges children from service families face and was introduced as part of the commitment to delivering the Armed Forces Covenant.

Pupils attract the 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 in the past 6 years (see below the 'DfE's ever 6 service child measure')
- one of their parents died while serving in the armed forces and the pupil receives a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme or the War Pensions Scheme
- one of their parents is in the armed forces of another nation and is stationed in England

Copnor Primary School Service Lead: Mrs L Whiteaway

Mrs Whiteaway is a trained ELSA at Copnor Primary, who supports the children weekly with check-ins, activities and organising trips for the children.

At Copnor we offer Service children support by:

- Having regular "check-in" sessions with those children who need extra support during times of deployment and school transition
- Support your child with transition to a new school
- This year, we have also partnered with festival of friends – a service project which aims to raise the support offered to service children.
- We aim to work closely with service agencies and signpost parents for additional support.

Trips the children have gone on so far:



Fort Nelson Christmas day for service children.

Festival of friends pupil voice day.

