

# HIGH VIEW SCHOOL

## Service Pupil Premium Rationale

### What is the Service Pupil Premium?

SPP (Service Pupil Premium) is money which is paid directly to state schools, free Schools and academies across England for supporting Service children. The amount is £300 per child in Years R-11. The Premium was introduced by the Department for Education (DfE) as part of the commitment to delivering the Armed Forces Covenant. The premium enables schools to provide extra, mainly pastoral, support for children with parents in the Armed Forces.

This premium is for children of currently serving Service personnel, for those who have had a Service parent who has died in Service and also those who have left including through injury for up to a maximum of six years.

### How do we spend our SPP?

At High View School our primary goal is to ensure that our children are safe and healthy with the aim of closing any potential educational and emotional gaps.

As a school with a small percentage of our children coming from Services families, High View definitely does not take a 'One size fits all approach'. All our staff have received training on how we aim to support not only the child, but to include their family. We believe that forming good relationships and an open communication channel with our parents is paramount for our staff to be able to provide the appropriate support and guidance not only throughout the time the children are at High View, but especially at those crucial times.

The well-being and attainment of all our children is seen as of paramount importance all our staff at High View; we have high aspirations and high expectations for our children.

- All staff know who their Services children are
- All staff understand the issues which may affect Services children and their families.
- Staff are kept informed with current research case studies.

In addition to increased levels of pastoral care and support, our SSP is also used to facilitate the following:

- We are part of the MKC Heroes group and staff attend regular meetings.
- We hold weekly drop in sessions where we facilitate children taking part in a range of activities from designing our poppy garden to skyping deployed parents/relatives.
- High View's MKC enables children to broaden their friendship groups and develop support networks with their peers across the whole school.
- Service children who are new to our school following a deployment move receive a welcome certificate from their class teacher in our achievement assembly and we give farewell cards when our children leave for pastures new.

- High View has a whole school focus on our children's emotional health and well-being. This includes universal provision and specific targeted support from our specially trained staff.
- Our teachers have access to special Forces related stories to share during story time to the whole class, these are followed by talk times to discuss any arising questions from children and/or their peers.
- We have coffee mornings run by our PSA Mrs Susan Haswell to welcome parents and our wider community.
- We hold a Remembrance Service in School each year and invite special guests to join us including parents who are or have served in the Armed Services. We take this opportunity raise funds for the Royal British Legion.
- High View children also attend the MKC Remembrance Service held at Efford Crematorium.
- We attend the events organised by MKC Heroes which enables our children to talk to other children in similar situations to them.
- At High View, we also organise our own events related to our MKC Heroes for example visits to: Pizza Express, Vue Cinema, Dartmoor Zoo, The Citadel, Bickleigh Barracks for horse riding, Jump, RN Heritage Centre, Picnics, Build-A-Bear and many more!
- Our children at High View take a very active role in the local community; attending council and Royal British Legion events.
- We have a named member of staff, Mrs Mandi Ingram, who champions our Forces children; working with parents and staff to promote the well-being of children from our Armed Forces Families. Mrs Ingram, along with our PSA Mrs Susan Haswell and our SENCO Mrs Sabina Anker, acts as a point of contact for staff and parents alike.
- All our staff at High View work closely with Mrs Kim Dorian-Kemp, our Head Teacher, to ensure that the needs of all our children from Armed Services families are met across the school.