

Strategy for Providing Support to Service Families

2020 - 2021

Information:

- The Department for Education introduced the 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.
- It is designed to assist the school in providing the additional support that these children may need and is currently worth £300 per service child who meets the eligibility criteria.
- The SPP is there for schools to provide mainly pastoral support for service children, whereas the Pupil Premium was introduced to raise attainment and accelerate progress within disadvantaged groups.
- In order to support the pastoral needs of service children, schools have flexibility over how they use the SPP, as they are best placed to understand and respond to the specific needs of those pupils for whom the funding has been allocated. The funding could be spent on providing a variety of means of support including counselling provision, nurture groups, 'e-bluey' clubs etc.
- At Northleaze we currently have **14 pupils** eligible for the Service Pupil Premium.

Strategy	Cost	Intended impact	Progress in this strategy
Monitor service pupils' progress and attainment	No cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All service pupils maintain their prior attainment and any 'dips' or gaps are swiftly identified and additional support is put in place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 67% of the pupils from Y1 – Y6 are attaining at the expected standard or above in reading, writing and maths • 60% of the pupils in Reception are predicted to achieve a 'good level of development' this year
Provide additional 1:1, or small group, academic or pastoral support when needed	£1000 Provides approx. 76 hours of TA support (38 afternoons)		
Purchase resources to support pupils' transition to a new school	£1200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils transition to their new school successfully and with confidence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers have ordered resources to support their individual pupils e.g. role play resources, books
Research best practice from other schools with service families	No cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northleaze can consider establishing ideas and support systems that have had success and significant impact in other schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VR has met with a teacher with vast experience in working in schools with a high percentage of service families. • CPD opportunities with the Service Children's Alliance have been sourced

Establish membership of HMS Heroes (now called MKC Heroes)	TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northleaze becomes part of a network of schools that support service children and their families • Support can be given through the 'Passport to School' for pupils at the point at which they move to another school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email contact with the organisation has been made and we are awaiting joining information
Celebrate 'Armed Forces Day' each year	No cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All pupils develop an awareness of the work of the Armed Forces • Our service children feel valued and proud of their families, having the opportunity to share part of their lives with their peers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By the end of 2019, we had taken part in two Armed Forces celebration days. • Will continue being involved in these once restrictions are lifted.
Establish a lunchtime club for our service children from Term 5 onwards	£200 Member of support staff for 13 weeks (Whole year would be £500)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children have the opportunity to celebrate and share the work their parent(s) do and to talk to other children who experience similar situations (particularly with regard to moving schools) • To consider making links with other schools that have service children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering who could run this club – an existing member of staff or an outside person with experience in this area • Once a week or once a fortnight
Meet with our service children to find out how they would like to be supported, and how, in school, we can further celebrate the work their families do	£180 Supply cost for two PMs Additional cost may result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's voices have been listened to • Children know we value the special nature of their lives and how different they can be to other families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is planned for early in Term 5
Consult annually with parents of our service pupils to seek their views on the pastoral support Northleaze can offer	£90 Supply cost Additional cost may result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents know that the SPP will be used to support their children when needed • The views of parents have been listened to and ideas implemented where possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is planned for the summer term
Hold an 'Aspirations Day' once every two years at which the Armed Forces are represented	No cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work that our service families do is shared and celebrated across the wider school community. • The children of those families know these jobs are valued and feel a sense of pride. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019's Aspirations Day was a great success and included representatives from the RAF and the Army • A second Aspirations Day is being planned for 2022