

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As circumstances change, we wanted to highlight additional funding which some parents/carers may not be aware of. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium'.

The Pupil Premium is a government scheme that provides funding to schools for the specific purpose of boosting attainment of pupils from low-income families. This funding allows the school to provide additional resources, whilst also directly benefiting the child such as receiving help with things such as a Chromebook purchase, school uniform, school trips and other resources.

### 1. How does it work?

First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed. Your child may be eligible if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Or if your child:

- Is currently being looked after by a local authority in England or Wales
- Has left care in England or Wales through an Adoption Order, a Special Guardianship Order, or a Child Arrangements Order.

#### *What happens if your financial situation changes?*

Your child's school will continue to receive the funding until March 31<sup>st</sup> 2026 when transitional protection is currently due to end. At this time, you can re-apply for funding if you believe you will remain eligible.

Children of Service Personnel can also apply to the school for what is known as the Service pupil premium (SPP)

- The Department for Education (DfE) 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
- State schools, academies and free 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.

Eligibility criteria:

Pupils attract 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), or in the armed forces of another nation and is stationed in England.
- They have been registered as a 'service child' on a school census since 2016.
- 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.

Children must be noted on our system as a service child ahead of the autumn school census deadline. Service parents should make the school aware of their status by talking to the head teacher or school admin staff.

## 2. Registering

Complete the google form [accessed here to register](#). This form will close at **10am on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September** we will not be able to process anymore applications. We will then submit your data to Buckinghamshire Council for checking and will advise you of the outcome. If successful, your child's entitlement will begin immediately.

If you are unsure whether you have applied before or whether your child currently receives FSM, or have any other questions please send an email to [jjarman@prsbucks.com](mailto:jjarman@prsbucks.com). Please be assured that any information submitted will be treated confidentially.

With best wishes,

Julia Jarman  
Administrator

