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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: SERVICE PUPIL PREMIUM 2016

This message is for the attention of Regular Forces Service parents based in England.

If your child attends a state school, Academy or Free school in England and has been registered with the school as a Service pupil, the school will be granted a Service Pupil Premium of £300.

The Service Pupil Premium (SPP) is provided by the Department for Education to enable schools to offer additional, mainly pastoral, support during challenging times, which could include anything from a Service parent being away, being injured on active service to bereavement. Funds are paid directly to schools; with Head Teachers and school Governors deciding how the funds are used.

Schools with Service children in Reception to Year 11 classes are eligible to receive SPP, but only if your child's name appears on the school roll as being a Service child. The annual census takes place in January 2016 and children must be registered with the school before this date. You are encouraged to contact the school and make them aware your child is from a Service family. If you wish to amend your child's school record to identify them as a Service child please contact Mr P Snelling at the Academy (p.snelling@hasla.org.uk).

This information is not shared with other organisations and is protected on the National Pupil database.

For more information on eligibility, please see the links below:

<https://www.gov.uk/service-premium-information-for-schools>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-2015-to-2016-allocations/pupil-premium-2015-to-2016-conditions-of-grant>

For any other queries regarding Service children contact the Directorate Children and Young People's educational advisory arm, Children's Education Advisory Service (CEAS) via the helpline: 01980 618244 or email: enquiries@ceas.uk.co

Yours faithfully



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