



Tomlinscote School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re. Service Premium funding

The Service Pupil Premium is an additional source of funding to help schools specifically address the needs of service children and their families. The aim of the funding is mainly to offer pastoral support during challenging times and to help mitigate the impact of mobility or deployment. Our current records show that your child / children are eligible to benefit from this funding.

Our focus for students at Tomlinscote is on ensuring everyone has the opportunity to reach their potential regardless of background or circumstances, and we are aware that our service community have requirements which differ from student to student. As such, some of our SPP funding is used to support all service students, whilst some is used to offer more bespoke support to individuals as required.

iPads and resources:

- We support all our SPP families with iPad provision. As a school we feel that having this provision funded is important as our SPP students are more fluid geographically and so funding an iPad mid-year or for a short period of time may prove difficult for many of our SPP families. In addition, this provision supports students' learning and well-being as they then have the same device in lessons as their peers, even if they are only with us for a short period of time. This also helps lessen the disruption to learning caused by frequent moves between schools.

- At the recent request of a number of families, revision guides (mainly KS4) will continue to be funded for our SPP students. If you DO NOT want these items funded, please email me (phenry@tomlinscoteschool.com).

Pastoral support:

- Each year team has an Assistant Head of Year specifically to provide an additional level of support for students. Alongside the Head of Year and form tutors, these staff have an overview of our SPP students and act as mentors for specific students who need additional support.

- Interventions are put in place for specific students as needed and are bespoke to each student. Interventions include attendance at careers workshops, tutoring, mentoring, counselling, time with our therapy dog and Team Building activities at Wellington College, as well as offsite provision as required.

- Routine trips are not funded, however assistance with funding is available for specific trips or events which support personal development and well-being e.g. The Duke of Edinburgh Award and the ski trip.

- All extra-curricular clubs are free of charge to enable our students to engage in a wide variety of activities with their peers.

We update our provision regularly and take advice from external agencies regarding the best use of the SPP funding. We are currently working with the Forces Employment Charity and will be in touch with information on opportunities for both students and their families at Tomlinscote through our collaboration with this charitable organisation. Input from our community is hugely valuable, so please make contact via email with any suggestion to support your child during their time at Tomlinscote, or with any queries relating to the Service Pupil Premium funding.

May we also take this opportunity to welcome our new service students and their families to our Tomlinscote community.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Henry
Assistant Principal