



Service Children at Southsea Infant School

2022-2023

Southsea Infant School currently has 2 service children. We receive £320 Service Pupil Premium (SPP) per Service child who meets the eligibility criteria. The purpose of the Service pupil premium is to enable the school to offer mainly pastoral support during challenging times and to help mitigate the negative impact on Service children of family mobility or parental deployment. Part of our premium is used to contribute towards the salary of a member of staff, Mr Hazelwood who is our school ELSA and has taken on the primary role of offering support our service children.

As a school we have joined Pompey's Military Kids (PMK) which is a joint initiative set up by representatives from various schools across the city, in partnership with Portsmouth City Council and the Naval Families Federation. The Naval Families Federation shares good practice from this initiative via its partners with other schools in the UK and overseas. This is now overseen by a charity call Aggies. We also work with the Naval Children's Charity.

Mr Hazelwood meets with our service children at least once every half term and completes a range of activities with them. These have included: taking part in art competitions, planting and baking. Our service children have also attended Remembrance and Christmas services at HMS Nelson and The Historic Dockyard as well as participating in the Little Troopers workshop which made the local news <https://www.portsmouth.co.uk/news/people/little-troopers-charity-holds-free-workshop-for-100-military-children-from-portsmouth-schools-presented-by-bbc-presenter-katie-thistleton-and-itv-presenter-frankie-vu-3761563>. They were also lucky enough to visit our local MP, Stephen Morgan's, office where they met Hope, the life size Lego suffragette as well as female veterans.