

“The cluster is a great way for Service children to meet and network with one another. Since being a part of the cluster, the children have a much better understanding that they are not alone in the struggles they may face being a military child. Many of our pupils take great comfort in this. This collaborative work has produced some excellent days out for the children, which has helped the children to begin to form these important relationships with their fellow service children. We are very proud to be a part of this cluster and look forward to its continuing success.”

Grace Berry, Learning Mentor
Milton Park Primary School



Service Pupil Premium

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. 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 £300 per service child who meets the eligibility criteria.



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For more information about the cluster group or if you are a school interested in joining please contact:

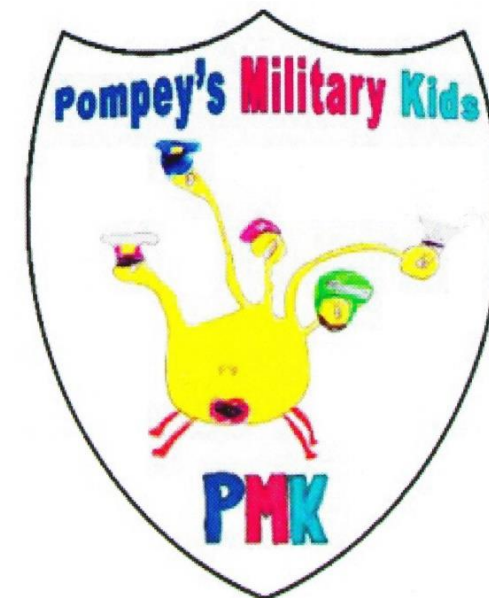
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POMPEY'S MILITARY KIDS



Naval Families
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What is Pompey's Military Kids?

Pompey's Military Kids is a joint initiative set up by the Naval Families Federation and Portsmouth City Council, working with representatives from various schools across the city. The Cluster Group supports Service children in a number of different ways and local schools now share good ideas and best practice through collaborative working. The Group also organises events and activities which bring Service children together, to encourage them to interact, make new friends and support each other. This means that there is now a network of young people who are helping and supporting each other within the wider community.



Events and activities

- Annual attendance at the HMS Nelson remembrance service.
- Ship visit onboard HMS St Albans.
- Physical Training Instructor pass out rehearsal.
- Reading Force: author book signing.
- PMK Logo competition.
- Christmas card competition.
- Sailing Experience with The Boleyn Trust
- HMS Temeraire Sports Day
- Christmas Wishes onboard HMS Warrior



Commitment from schools...

- Identify and have a named staff member responsible for supporting Service children.
- Attend the group cluster meetings.
- Involve other schools within the cluster group when organising activities specifically for Service children.
- Continue to publicise the use of Service Pupil Premium within school and its impact.

Commitment from us...

- Organisation of an event each term.
- Promotion of the cluster and recruitment of new schools.
- Provide resources and information, including that from central government.
- A conduit between schools and the Armed Forces.
- Delivery of training to support school staff.