



Introduction

Here at Ashbury Primary School we welcome our Service Children and are incredibly proud of what they represent and the contribution they make to our school. We value the wide variety of different experiences, of life in and outside of school, both before their time with us and whilst they are at Ashbury Primary School.

Service Pupil Community Link Workers

Mandy Milburn and Suzie Davies are the Service Pupil Community Link Workers for all Faringdon Learning Trust (FLT) schools. These posts are funded through the Armed Forces Covenant fund Trust (AFCFT).

Our aim is to provide you with direct pastoral and welfare support.



Suzie Davies and Mandy Milburn



Service Pupil Premium (SPP)

The aim of SPP is to enable schools to offer pastoral and emotional support during challenging times and to help mitigate the negative impact on Service Children of family mobility or parental deployment. Some of the support needed by Service Children doesn't require dedicated resource, but sensitivity, awareness and thoughtfulness on the part of staff.

More information regarding the Service Pupil Premium can be found at the following link:

[Service Pupil Premium: what you need to know - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/service-pupil-premium-what-you-need-to-know)

*Service Personnel with children (Reception to Y11) in State Schools in England should notify schools of their Children's Service status to ensure they are recorded prior to the next Autumn Census (First Thursday in October) in order to qualify for Service Pupil Premium.

Deployment Support

Deployment can cause disruption to family life and can be especially hard for children. Our Pastoral Team will ensure that we make it as smooth and comfortable for the student as is possible and support their resilience during times of change.



The RAF Families Federation (RAFFF) together with Service Children in State Schools (SCISS) have created a downloadable Deployment Support flyer for families and schools. In it you will find useful links and signposting to key resources and organisations offering support to help children from an Armed Forces background.

[20230719-RAFFF-SCISS-deployment-resource.pdf \(raf-ff.org.uk\)](https://raf-ff.org.uk/20230719-RAFFF-SCISS-deployment-resource.pdf)

In order for us to best support your child/children during times of deployment, whether this be an operational tour of duty for several months, or a training course or exercise for a few weeks we ask that you complete a Deployment Form.

Transition

Service Children face unique challenges during transitions due to their mobile lifestyle. Challenges include gaps in learning, differences in curriculum, adapting to new environments and the potential stresses on the family associated with moving. Furthermore, Service Children often transition at irregular times throughout the school year, adding stressors like learning new school layouts and assimilating into established social groups.

At Ashbury Primary School we understand the needs of our Service Children and strive to ensure every pupil has a positive transition experience through providing academic and emotional support.

For more information on our transition plan and the ways we help your children, please contact office@ash.faringdonlearningtrust.org.