

LETTERS

The following letter is an example template Kirklees Schools send out to parents to encourage them to identify their child as a Service child:

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Pupil Premium Funding

Additional funding has been released by the Government for schools to support pupils who have a parent in the Military. The details are below:

Pupil Premium – Service Child

Revised Entitlement (Formerly Marital Status) Personal Status Category Definitions Status

1. The definitions of Personal Status Category (PStat Cat) into which personnel are placed for the purpose of determining entitlements to benefits are described below.
2. All personnel are to be placed into one of the following PStat Cats:
 - a. PStat Cat 1. Those in PStat Cat 1 will meet one of the following qualifying criteria:
 - (1) A legally married member of the Armed Forces, who lives with their spouse, or who would do so but for the exigencies of the Armed Forces.
 - (2) A member of the Armed Forces, who is registered in a civil partnership in accordance with the Civil Partnership Act 2004, or is in a civil partnership under an overseas scheme recognised under that Act, and who lives with their registered civil partner, or who would do so but for the exigencies of the Armed Forces.
 - b. PStat Cat 2. Those in PStat Cat 2 will meet one of the following qualifying criteria:
 - (1) A member of the Armed Forces who has parental responsibility within the terms of the Children Act 1989 for a child(ren) and who satisfies all of the following conditions:
 - (a) Can properly be regarded as the centre and prime mover in the life of the child(ren).
 - (b) Provides a home where they normally live with the child(ren) except where unable to do so for reasons attributable to their service in the Armed Forces.
 - (c) Provides, where the child(ren) is unable to care for itself, a child carer who can look after the child(ren) during their absences attributable to their service in the Armed Forces. The child carer must not be the other natural parent of the child(ren). The other natural parent should normally only have staying access to the child(ren) for an aggregate of 56 days in any 12 month period. Staying access greater than this may render the Service person ineligible for PStat Cat2 (these restrictions on access do not apply while on recognised Unaccompanied Duty).

Please note: You are under no obligation to provide us with this information and we respect your right to keep your child's circumstances private. However, providing us with the details will allow us to access the additional funding.

The additional funding of £310 per eligible child will of course enable us to do even more to ensure these pupils are supported to achieve their potential.

We will, of course, treat any information we receive with the utmost confidentiality.

If you would like to discuss this matter in confidence with the headteacher please contact the school on 01484 ??????? to make an appointment.

If you feel able to provide this information, please call into the school office with the relevant documents before DD/MM/YYYY.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely