

Tynewater Primary School

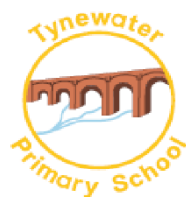
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June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

School Uniform and Ordering

Tynewater Primary School encourages the wearing of our school uniform by all pupils to reflect the values and high standards of our school.

Wearing a school uniform saves lots of time in the morning by knowing what to wear, and avoids 'competition' involving designer labels. Furthermore, you can pass your child(-ren)'s outgrown garments to our Parent Council who will arrange for them to be offered to other families, so everyone can save some money.

School uniform (including name labels and gym kit bags) can be ordered and delivered to your home via Image Scotland:

Image Scotland have an online shop for parents to use when ordering school uniform. You can order any item of school uniform you need at:

<https://tynewater.imagescotland.com/>



And what's more, you are able to have your items delivered to school for FREE! Orders can take up to 28 days so if you want the order by the end of June you will need to place your order as soon as possible. If your order is due to arrive during the summer holidays your order can be collected from the school office on Monday 12th August or Tuesday 13th August. You also have the option to have your goods delivered to your home address for which there will be a postage charge of £4.00. You can also access the online shop through a link on our school website.

Additional school uniform items are available from Image Scotland, for example: fleeces, reversible jackets, baseball caps.

Could you please ensure that you write your child's name in permanent ink on every item of clothing and footwear.

You can personalise your child's clothes using the one-click re-usable Snappy Tag system: www.snappytags.co.uk Tags are guaranteed not to fade or come off in the wash or tumble-dryer.

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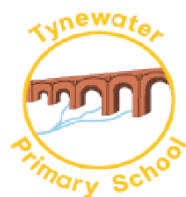
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Our School Community voted to adopt a policy of pupils wearing suitable indoor footwear whilst in school to ensure that pupils can sit in any part of our school knowing that the floor surface is clean.

Our School Uniform:

- suitable dark-coloured outdoor / school footwear – **not trainers**
- black plimsolls as indoor footwear (Can also be used for PE / gym)
- a school sweatshirt
- a school polo-shirt (white or yellow) underneath a school sweatshirt
- black / navy blue / grey school trousers – **not jeans or tracksuit bottoms**
- for girls: black / navy blue / grey skirt or pinafore
- *for girls in summer: blue / green / red Gingham check school dress*
- black / navy / grey school shorts in summer

For PE (Physical Education) / gym – both indoors / outdoors:

- a gym kit bag (This can be ordered from Image Scotland.)
- black plimsolls or trainers
- plain navy blue / blue shorts / tracksuit bottoms – **not football team shorts**
- a white or yellow school polo-shirt or t-shirt – **not football team tops**
- plain white or plain coloured socks

To be safe and hygienic, your child needs to take home their PE / gym clothing / bag each day to be washed and brought back to school fresh and clean for the next day.

Rings, long earrings, necklaces and neck chains can be extremely dangerous, especially in the playground and at PE, and should not be worn by children.

Free School Meals and Clothing Grants

Midlothian Council provide children from low income families with free school meals and money to help towards buying school clothes.

The meals award provides a pupil with one free school meal each day they attend school. Children in P1 to P5 across Scotland are automatically entitled to a free school meal every day. The clothing grants are £120 for primary and £150 for secondary. Each award is valid for one school year.

You can apply for free school meals and a clothing grant if you receive:

- Universal Credit (where your monthly earned income is not more than £796)
- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance

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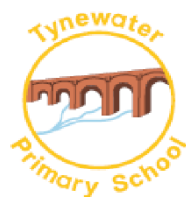
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- Income based Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Your child is also entitled to free school lunches and a clothing grant if you receive:

- Child Tax Credit, but **not** Working Tax Credit, **and** your annual income is less than £19,995
- Both maximum Child Tax Credit **and** maximum Working Tax Credit, **and** your annual income is less than £9,552.

For an application form and more information please go to the Midlothian Council website

https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/855/school_meals/117/free_school_meals_and_clothing_grants

Applications for next session will be available from July/August.

Email: fsmawards@midlothian.gov.uk

Applications are usually processed within 28 days, although this may vary in busy periods. Free school meals will be awarded immediately, and clothing grants will normally be awarded within 28 days from receipt of application.

Best Start Grant

Best Start Grant School Age Payment is a £294.70 payment from Social Security Scotland. It is made around the time a child normally starts Primary 1 to help with the costs of starting school.

You may be eligible if you are the parent or carer of the child, and you get certain benefits or tax credits.

For more information and to apply:

visit <https://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods>

or call Freephone 0800 182 2222.

Ordering Milk

Milk is available in school for consumption by pupils at some point during the school day.

Milk is provided free of charge to pupils whose parents are in receipt of certain benefits, please see https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/855/school_meals/117/free_school_meals_and_clothing_grants for further information and an application form.

The daily charge for milk from August 2024 will be 23p for a 189ml carton.

The cost for milk for the year is £43.70. If you wish your child to receive milk, please make your payment on Parent Pay and complete the google form by **Friday 21st June 2024**.

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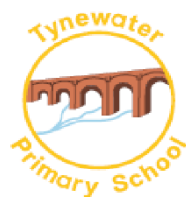
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There is also an option to pay for milk each term so the instalments are as follows -

14th August 2024 - 20th December 2024 - £19.55

(Payment deadline Friday 21st June 2024)

7th January 2025 - 4th April 2025 - £13.57

(Payment deadline Friday 13th December 2024)

22nd April 2025 - 26th June 2025 - £10.58

(Payment deadline Monday 31st March 2025)

The google form is available using this QR code. Information about making payments on Parent Pay is shown below.

**Parent Pay**

We try to be a cashless school where we can so would like to request that milk, Lunches (P5-7) and trips are paid for on Parent Pay rather than cash.

When your child starts at Tynewater Primary you will receive a Parent Pay activation letter with instructions. Should you have any issues activating your account please contact the School Office.

If you would like to pay for milk but your child is not starting until August, please complete the google form by the 21st June 2024. When your child's Parent Pay account is activated you will be able to make a payment. Please don't worry about missing the payment deadline.

Kind Regards

Louise Ferguson

Miss Louise Ferguson
Head Teacher