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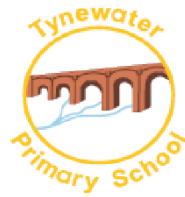
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**Midlothian Council**

20th September 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Cost of School Trips - £3 per child

We are asking that all families who can, pay a contribution of £3 per child to support with the costs of trips across the school. We would like to offer this as a flexible pay it forward scheme so that families who wish, can pay a little more and others who need to, can pay a little less. This £3, along with Parent Council funding will support us to run a sustainable model in which all children can access class trips and school/local authority events (such as Active Schools activities) at a low cost for all families. This does not include P6 Skiing or P7 School Camp.

It is important for us that we find a balance between reducing the pressures school places on family incomes, whilst also ensuring that we can provide enriching experiences for our children and young people. The Parent Council have played a critical role in representing the views of parents in discussions around this and continue to provide essential funding which enables us to offer additional curricular experiences at low cost to families.

At Tynewater, we are always mindful of the cost of the school day. As stated in the Cost of the School Day Toolkit; 'Education is free, but a lot of things in school are not.' More information about the cost of the school day can be found at [Cost of the School Day Toolkit - Scotland | CPAG](#).

Please login to your Parentpay account to make your contribution before the 7th October.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office at tynewater.ps@midlothian.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

Louise Mitrakas

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