

# Tynewater Primary School

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## Information for Parents

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Dear Parent/Carer

### 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 £625)
- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- 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 £16,105
- Both maximum Child Tax Credit **and** maximum Working Tax Credit, **and** your annual income is less than £7,500.

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](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](mailto: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.

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## **Best Start Grant**

Best Start Grant School Age Payment is a £250 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.

Kind Regards

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