

# Tynewater Primary School

a thinking, caring, learning community

## Information for Parents

Nursery to P7: email / copy per family

**Friday 19 February 2021**



### **Our School Aims      We believe that each of us can confidently:**

- Be ambitious, imaginative and creative
- Make healthy choices to take care of ourselves, others, and our environment
- Seek new challenges to learn together to achieve our goals
- Explore, be involved in, and build up our community

### ***Modelling attitudes and behaviour; thinking before we do or say something:***

Is it true? Is it helpful? Is it inspiring? (build up?) Is it needed? Is it kind?" **t-h-i-n-k**

### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

Further to the Information for Parents issued on Wednesday 17 February, we look forward to the return of Early Years, P1, P2A, P2B and P3 children full-time from Monday 22 February.

**We would be most grateful if you would follow the arrangements and protocols put in place at our school to ensure your safety and the safety of other parents, all children and staff.**

### **Early Years to P3 children will be taught by the following Staff:**

**Early Years:** Ms Cook (EYP) and Ms Pringle (Trainee EYP)  
Ms Davie (SenEYP) is shielding

**P1:** Ms Seaton (Teacher), Mrs Hunter (Learning Assistant)

**P2A:** Ms Cruikshank (Teacher), Mrs Hawthorne (Learning Assistant: Wed, Thur and Frid)

**P2B:** Ms Thorburn (Teacher)

**P3:** Ms Marshall (Teacher), Mrs Watt (Learning Assistant ASN)

### **Arrangements for Early Learning Children as issued on Wed 17 Feb**

- Starting at 08.40 each day Monday to Friday inclusive as normal via the Early Learning / Nursery Classroom door in the play area.
- Collecting children at 15.15 Monday to Thursday inclusive as normal
- Collecting children at 12.20 on Fridays as normal
- **At all times parents / Carers should maintain 2 metres social distancing and wear face masks (unless medically exempt)**

### **Arrangements for P1, P2A, P2B and P3 Children as issued on Wed 17 Feb**

- Starting at 08.45 each day Monday to Friday inclusive
- Finishing at 15.30 Monday to Thursday inclusive and at 12.25 on Fridays
- Lining up at 08.45 at each classroom door as normal
- Collecting children at 15.30 Monday to Thursday inclusive as normal
- Collecting children at 12.25 on Fridays as normal
- **At all times parents / carers should maintain 2 metres social distancing and wear face masks (unless medically exempt)**

**If any Early Years to P3 children have been issued with a Midlothian Education ipad or laptop, could they please return this to school on Monday 22 February.**

**Arrangements for P4 to P7 key worker and vulnerable children who attend school, and for P4 to P7 children learning at home, will continue as at present.**

**As before, attendance can only be for those children who are well. Please do not send your child to school / come to school if he / she / you show any symptoms relating to COVID-19.**

**More than ever, we need to minimize the number of parent / carers in our School Area and playground. Only one parent / carer per family should come to school. At all times parents / carers should maintain 2 metres social distancing and wear face masks (unless medically exempt).**

## **As before, arriving and leaving the School Area:**

**Our school Car Park is unsuitable and unsafe to have free entry for dropping off and picking up.**

**Our School Car Park will be closed from 08.00 to 16.00 with the following exceptions:**

- access for parents dropping off children at our Breakfast Club
- access for staff (who arrive around 08.00)
- access for disabled blue badge holders
- children brought to school by minibus (arriving for 08.30; departing between 15.30 to 15.40)

The car park gates will be closed and supervised by a member of staff. Please do not attempt to drive into the car park. Please keep the entrance area clear to allow access for Emergency Services.

### **Access to and from the school area on foot for 08.45 and 15.30 (12.25 Fridays):**

- Please **walk** to/from school whenever possible.
- If driving to / from school is necessary, please park well away from the school building safely and considerately with respect to residents of the streets leading to the school and those walking to school.
- Housing construction continues next to the school. There is no parking at the school end of Crichton Avenue.

- Please bring children to school for entry to the building at 08.45. Playground gates will open no earlier than 08.30 when a Learning Assistant will be on duty.

## School Uniform / clothing worn by children

As before, we are happy for children to wear their school uniform if you wish to do so. There will be a practical approach to dress code to allow for regular washing of clothes; this will be revised and updated in due course. Also, children need to be suitably dressed for playing in the playground three times on each full day.

**Please ensure that every item of clothing and footwear is labelled with your child's name in permanent ink.**

## Milk

Milk will be available for P1 to P3 pupils who have paid for Term 3 or annually. P4 to P7 pupils will continue to receive milk if they wish.

## What to bring and not bring to school

**As before, children should bring:**

- a named packed lunch (**if they are not having a school lunch**) including a named, filled water bottle (no fizzy juice please)
- a healthy snack for mid-morning break (optional)
- a change of shoes for indoors. Our School Community voted to adopt a policy of pupils wearing suitable indoor footwear whilst in school to ensure that pupils can sit (which they will do regularly) in any part of our school knowing that the floor surface is clean. Indoor footwear can be black plimsolls which can also be used for PE (gym) or trainers
- a weatherproof jacket, gloves, hat and an extra pair of socks. There will be learning outdoors as much as possible
- a personal reading book which should remain in school until completed
- if possible, a school bag (one bag to carry a named packed lunch [if not having a school lunch], named water bottle and snack)

**As before, children should NOT bring:**

- a pencil case. The school provides each child with pencils, colouring pencils, pens, erasers and rulers which will be used **only** by individual children. Equipment will **not be shared** between children.
- a PE / gym kit (until further notice).
- toys / show and tell items of any kind.
- jewellery of any kind, including rings, earrings, necklaces and neck chains. These can be extremely dangerous, especially when playing in the playground and at PE (gym).

## Parents / Carers visiting the School

As before, it would be most helpful to staff if you would first email our School Office with any requests / needs so that they can try to help you without your coming to the School Office. Please **only** come to our School Office if it is absolutely necessary. Only one parent will be admitted to our office window at any one time. Please wear a face mask.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through current circumstances. This is still a very challenging time for everyone.

Yours sincerely,

*Douglas Lawson*

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On behalf of the entire Tynewater Staff Team