

## Supporting 'TinyLearners'.

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one TinyStep at a time

### A Knowledge:

All staff in schools will complete the online training to enhance their knowledge and understanding on preterm children's needs.

### B Culture:

Data capture forms must include questions around prematurity to help inform policies and procedures to support 'TinyLearners'.

### C Empowerment:

Parents will be asked to provide the school with feedback to help inform and enhance the support preterm children receive.

### D Reflection:

Each school is asked to annually reflect on their strategies to ensure a high level of support is provided to meet these children's needs.

## How to refer:

If you want to know more about how your local school can support 'TinyLearners' TinyLife's Education Support, contact the School Liaison Officer via email.

You can also inform your school of the programme and direct them to our contact details below.

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Visit our website at **www.tinylife.org.uk**  
or scan the QR code



There is **no fee** attached to receive this award. However, we would love you as a parent to work with your school to consider us for any fundraising events that may be planned.

All proceeds can be made via a team member at our office on **028 9081 5050** or emailing us at **info@tinylife.org.uk**

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## Parental Information



**Tiny**   
**LEARNERS**  
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Equip your staff with the knowledge and skill set to support pupils in their classroom who have been born prematurely or who start life in a neonatal unit to reach their full educational potential.



## Was your child born before 37 weeks?

Do you ever feel worried thinking about their future and their education?



## This is where TinyLife can help!

TinyLife is Northern Ireland's only charity supporting families of babies born prematurely or who will start life in a neonatal unit. We provide support services within the neonatal units, family homes and in local communities.

For your child, school might be a straightforward path where they feel comfortable and are thriving.

Or they may experience difficulties along the way with their ability to socialise, work through mathematical problems or it could be around the speed in which they process information.

Whatever they experience, they may feel anxious, nervous, isolated, or overwhelmed.

This can happen to all children but for our preterm children there is a higher possibility that these difficulties may occur.

This can cause more anxiety and stress with not only the child but for you as a parent as well.



"For parents, it is knowing not only how they can help their child at home but feeling reassured that in our school all staff have been trained using the PRISM training and can meet their child's needs."

Teacher feedback

At Tinylife, we are offering a programme to **all Early Years and Primary schools in N.I** to develop their skills and knowledge around challenges our preterm children may experience.

With 10% of children in a class of 30 being born preterm, **being aware of their potential needs is important for all teachers, classroom assistants and support staff.**

"As a school, we cater for all needs and this extra layer of knowledge will support our children born prematurely."

Teacher: Dundonald Primary School

## 'TinyLearners' - TinyLife's Education Support

TinyLife charity introduced 'TinyLearners' Award in Northern Ireland in 2022 with funding support from the Department of Education Northern Ireland.

We believe all children born premature should have the opportunity to achieve their best possible long-term outcomes and that the needs of premature children must be met when they start their school journey.