



# Taylor High School

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## Parent Newsletter



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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a pleasure to welcome back some of our S4-6 pupils for practical learning this week. Having pupils in the building, looking smart in their uniforms, and digging into their learning has been a joy to see! You may have heard the announcement from Scottish Government about more pupils returning to school in March; please be assured that I will let you know the details about how this will work as soon as I possibly can.

I appreciate your continued support in engaging our young people in their learning. I understand that home-learning can present many challenges. However, as we move towards more pupils coming back to school, it is important to for them to continue to engage in their work to minimise any gaps in their learning. If there are any particular challenges or barriers to learning online or at home, please contact the pupil support team to discuss.

Over the coming weeks, all pupils in S2/3/4/5 will be supported in their learning to focus on what their future pathway is, so that they make the best choices in this year's Options Programme. It would be very useful if all parents/carers could help their young people to explore [My World of Work](#) to learn about future career pathways and aspirations. This learning will help our young people to see the link between their future career pathway and the choice of subjects they need to pick for next year.

Yours faithfully,  
Paul McWatt

### WEEK 2 LIVE SUPPORT TT



The Live Support (Week 2) Timetable has been emailed out to all families. This will also be available on our [Twitter feed](#), and on our [Website](#).

Please encourage your young person to engage in their learning online, even if there is only 1 live session for a subject in a given week. If there are any difficulties about doing online learning, please contact pupil support.

### **IN-SCHOOL PRACTICAL LEARNING FOR SOME LEARNERS IN S4-6 NEXT WEEK**

Scottish Government guidance allows a small number of pupils in S4-6 to attend school for practical learning. All pupils who should attend next week **have been sent a personal timetable to their Glow email address**; parents/carers have also been sent a message to confirm this. If you think that your son/daughter should be attending but hasn't received an email, please contact pupil support to discuss.

**Please note that all pupils in school are expected to be in full uniform.**

### Town and Community Hub Programme



North Lanarkshire Council have arranged a series of online briefing events to provide an overview of the Town and Community Hub Programme. Parents are kindly invited to register to hear about the plan for the Motherwell area and Hub on **Tuesday 16/03/2021, 6.30 - 8.30**. You can register to book your place here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/town-and-community-hub-programme-public-briefing-motherwell-tickets-141417875673>



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<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/taylor/>



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## Learning at home in lockdown

**Home learning** can present many challenges for everyone in the house. The National Parent Forum of Scotland has produced an information leaflet to support parents, families and young people with at-home learning. They have also produced a video for parents/carers on this theme:

**Video introduction:** [NPFS Learning At Home Nutshell - YouTube](#)

**Leaflet:** <https://www.npfs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/edd/2021/02/Learning-at-homeLearning-at-home.pdf>

**Other useful leaflets from NPFS:** [Downloads – National Parent Forum of Scotland \(npfs.org.uk\)](#)



Our **Lenten programme** started well on Ash Wednesday with hundreds of pupils logging into our Assembly and Mass with Fr Frank and the Bishop. This week, the programme continues to develop with the launch of our **Virtual Pilgrimage to South Sudan** in aid of SCIAF's Wee Box Appeal (see below). It was great to see so many of our pupils logged in to attend the launch assembly. Fr Frank led us in a short reflection this afternoon so that we firmly link our Lenten programme in our faith journey towards Easter. Pupils are invited to log into the Whole School team for the following Lenten events:

- **Mass with Fr Frank—Tuesday at 12**
- **Lenten Reflection— Friday at 12.15**

**Please support your son/daughter to take time for prayer, reflection and 'walking' to South Sudan (see below).**

### Taylor High Lent 2021 Pilgrimage Prayer

Dear Lord, guide us and protect us as we set out on this journey of Faith, Hope and Love. May our Lenten efforts strengthen us in our determination to live your command, "Love your neighbour as yourself."

May our unity in walking together show the people of South Sudan that we walk in solidarity with them.

Together, may we all know your strength and protection through the difficulties we may face.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord Amen.

**All pupils, family members and parishioners are welcome to join us on our pilgrimage. Simply go for a walk and log your kilometres by using one of the links below:**

**PUPILS** can log their distance [here](#).

**FAMILY MEMBERS & PARISHIONERS** should [click here](#).

**STAFF** should use [this link](#).

If you are getting sponsors, please use this link: [Taylor High SCIAF Just Giving](#)



### Taylor High SCIAF Pilgrimage and Solidarity Walk to South Sudan



We are walking virtually to South Sudan for Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) because we are in unity with the people of South Sudan.

This year SCIAF has partnered with *Just Giving* to create a Virtual Wee Box. Use the QR code to donate from your phone now. Alternatively, you can click [the link below](#).



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Remember to name the pupil you are sponsoring, in the comment section, and leave them a message of support!