

# Tynewater Primary School

a thinking, caring, learning community  
Information for Parents / Carers of  
P5, P6 and P7 Learners  
Tuesday 2 November 2021



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**We want everyone to achieve:**

**a**mbitious

**C**aring

**h**ealthy

**i**nclusive

**e**nvironmentally friendly

**V**olunteering help

**e**xploring

## 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

### **t-h-i-n-k**

**Modelling attitudes and behaviour; thinking before we do, say or write something – including social media:**

Is it true?

Is it helpful?

Is it inspiring? (Does it build up?)

Is it needed?

Is it kind?

**If not, do not do, say or write it!**

**Dear Parents / Carers of P5, P6 and P7 Learners,**

**Cancellation of taking part in the Sustainable Design Workshops in Glasgow on Wednesday 3 November from 09.00 to 15.00**

As you know, the COP26 Climate Change Conference is the largest Police operation ever undertaken in the UK. 120 world leaders, their staff and the staff of non-government organisations are taking part and many are being transported in and out of Glasgow.

We are indebted to Ruth Cochrane, Lecturer in Product Design, Design Thinking, Employability and Commercialisation at the School of Arts and Creative Industries, Edinburgh Napier University, for involving our three classes in this project. The children will still be able to share their learning, designs and ideas online.

We are sorry to disappoint many, however yesterday, having deliberated for over a week, we decided to cancel taking part in the above educational excursion for the following reasons:

- We were experiencing too many real and / or perceived ‘unknowns’ and potential risks involved. We needed to be sure that all our children and staff would be totally safe and for everyone, including parents at work or at home, and other staff in school, to have peace of mind throughout the whole day. We did not feel confident about this.
- Last week with our P2 and P3 pupils travelling by coach to and from New Lanark, “we had a taste” of what it was like for everyone when, because of an accident on the bypass, the outwards journey took two hours instead of one, and the coaches returned 45 minutes late to go onto their high school pick-ups.
- Advice from Police Scotland is not to travel to Glasgow during the COP26 Conference unless it is absolutely necessary.

- There are the real possibilities of undue, long delays in travelling to, in and from Glasgow.
- There is the ever-present possibility of actions by protestors in Glasgow and on the motorway.

As always, please contact me if you have any feedback, questions, suggestions, concerns, or simply need to talk through something. I am always happy to speak with you about any matter relating to your child(-ren). We can do this by telephone, via a video meeting, or exceptionally still in person.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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