



# WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent or Carer,

In order to support your child with their home learning, we would like to share two excellent resources with you.

The first will help the children with their reading and will give them access to hundreds of free books to read. It is quite straightforward to access and to work out what to do by clicking on this link <https://readon.myon.co.uk/>. The books are organised into categories so your child can choose something they are interested in. There is also a news section which contains non-fiction articles for them to read every day. Your child can search for a book too! If they click on the iPad icon on the top right-hand corner, they can get a code so that the resource can also be used on smartphones and tablet devices. We have also provided this information in the school closure work folders within Google Classroom, so they know what to do and can give it a try. If they do, we would appreciate it if they could leave a comment in that area so their teachers can see if it has worked and how successful it has been. It would be fantastic to find out which books the children have read or are starting to read.

The second relates to physical exercise and lists a number of resources for physical activity compiled by Active Northumberland which we have been asked to share with children, families and the wider community. The activities suitable for children of all ages and families. These have been collated in one place on <https://www.moreactiveforlife.co.uk/active-at-home> under the "Active Children" tab.

I would like to again take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your continued support. We appreciate all the difficulties associated with home learning, especially in relation to technical difficulties, and staff are continually working hard to improve things. As we have previously stated, Google Classroom is our preferred method for setting work as it is set for the children by the individual teachers. The benefit of submitting through Classroom is that the children can get individual feedback from all of their teachers and they will keep up to date with the topics being covered. It also means that teachers can monitor what is being done and we can contact parents if we have any concerns, which we have again been doing this week. Likewise, I would again encourage you to contact us if you are having difficulties and we will do our utmost best to help you as best we can.

In all this uncertainty though, the most important thing is the good health and well-being of everyone and as always, we wish everyone all the very best.

Yours sincerely

Jon Souter  
Head of School

