



WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

As you will be aware WMS was inspected by Ofsted on the 3rd and 4th November 2021. The process was hard but fair, and as always our pupils were brilliant in all that they did. We have now had permission to share with you the outcome of the inspection and the report that goes alongside it.

It gives me great pleasure to say that Whytrig Middle School is now a GOOD school.

The inspection process grades the school on 4 areas. These are

The quality of education: Good.

Personal development: Good.

Leadership and management: Good.

I am absolutely delighted to say that for the fourth area Behaviour and Attitudes the school was graded to be OUTSTANDING. This is the highest grade you can be awarded. I feel that this grade really does reflect the behaviour and attitudes of all the young people who attend Whytrig Middle School.

When you read the report you will be amazed, but not surprised, at the things that the inspectors said about our school. I truly believe that this report reflects what Whytrig Middle School is and I am so very proud of all those associated with the school.

I spent a long time thinking about what quotes from the report I could share with you that sums up the report and all it says about Whytrig Middle school. The problem was there were just so many fabulous things said about the school. In the end I decided on these two: "*Leaders place equal importance on pupils' wellbeing as well as their academic success*" and "*the culture and relationships are exceptional at Whytrig. Both staff and pupils flourish here.*"

Many people have put a lot of time and effort into making sure Whytrig is the school that the report has shown it to be. I am thankful and grateful to the staff for all their efforts, for you as parents and the community in supporting and believing in us and also to the young people for being such wonderful ambassadors and members of the school. Without them, our school would not be the wonderful place it is.

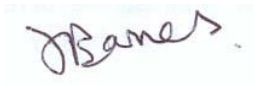
I would also like to pay special attention to our Head of School, Mr Jon Souter, who has led the school so well since the last inspection. His dedication, drive and determination for the school to be what it is cannot ever be faulted. Jon has been instrumental in Whytrig getting this inspection report and I want to thank him for all he has done.



Please take the time to read the report and I hope you will be as proud of it and the school as I am. This now means that all 3 schools in the Seaton Valley Federation are good again and for the first time ever we have an outstanding aspect too. As always we have to move forward, so we will be looking at the areas for development that the report mentions, and acting on those so that we can make Whytrig Middle School even better than it is now.

This report, alongside the ACHS report of 2019 and SSMS report of 2018, shows just how good our federation is and how lucky we all are to be part of it.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Barnes". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

John Barnes
Executive Headteacher

