



WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

FIRST SCHOOL TO MIDDLE SCHOOL TRANSITION VISIT

Together with our first schools, we work hard to ensure that the transition from first to middle school is as exciting and informative as possible. As you will be aware, COVID 19 has had a significant impact on schools, with settings having to adjust the way that they operate. As a result, the liaison week which was planned for your child in the penultimate week of term will not take place this year. We are incredibly sad and disappointed about this, as no doubt you and your child will be. However, we would still like to ensure your child has an opportunity to visit school **in the week commencing 29th June 2020**.

We are therefore arranging visits to Whytrig Middle School, where your child will be able to meet Year 5 staff and find out a little bit more about 'normal' life at Whytrig. At the same time, staff will hopefully be able to find out a little more about your child. The sharing of information between feeder schools and ourselves is always first class, however it is always much better to meet the children in person! We hope that you and your child will be able to attend one of the sessions, but if this is not possible and you wish to visit on another occasion, please telephone the school and make an appointment. Your child could also take a virtual tour of our school by clicking on the following link at <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=bB3R2MBES5W>.

If you would like your child to visit school, please complete a short online form at <https://forms.gle/u6tz2rV3YeFiRzfi6> in order for us to arrange appointment times. At the visit, you will receive our school intake pack for the 2020-21 academic year; please return any forms requiring signatures to Whytrig Middle School by Friday 10th July 2020. **If you are unable to attend please also complete the online form** to let us know and we will send the pack to you. If you have any questions about transition which might also be helpful to others, please email them to wmstransition@svf.org.uk and we will answer them at the visits; if you are unable to attend we will respond to you directly. In the meantime, we will continue to work with our partnership schools to ensure that the transition from first to middle for your child is as smooth as possible, under these difficult circumstances.

We look forward to meeting you and your child!

Yours sincerely

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