



WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Entry to school site for Years 7 and 8 from Monday 5th October

Dear Parent or Carer

We have been very pleased with the way our pupils have adjusted to the changes in school and to their routines from the start of this term. However, one of the areas that remains a concern is at our gate in a morning. A large number of children are arriving a lot earlier than the time they should be arriving on a morning, and because of the staggered entry into the site for different year groups, this creates a little congestion at our gate and on the pavement and the potential for bubbles to mix, which we are trying to avoid.

In order to prevent this happening, **from Monday 5th October children in Years 7 and 8 will enter the school site from the gate access at the far end of our yard on the corner of Whitfield Road and Swinburn Road.** This will help to further prevent any congestion at the main gate and mixing of bubbles and will allow each year group to enter straight into their allocated area of the yard. It will also help support the use of additional handwashing facilities on entry to the site which we are currently installing. We will have a staff presence on both gates from 8.30am to ensure their safe entry to the site. Children in Years 7 and 8 are reminded that because their entrance to school is along a residential street, their behaviour and conduct should be appropriate at all times. This gate will be locked at 8.55am. If a child in Year 7 or 8 arrives after this time, they should enter the site through the main gate and reception, where late registrations can be taken if appropriate. We will be informing the children about these expectations in school, but we would greatly appreciate it if parents can also remind children again over the weekend, so we can have a smooth start to next week. This new routine will remain in place until further notice. As always, your support is greatly appreciated with this matter.

There will be no changes to how our children leave the site at the end of the school day. They will continue to leave through the main gate due to the controlled, staggered release of year groups at this time.

Kind regards

Mr J K Souter

Head of School