



# WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent or Carer

We have thoroughly enjoyed having our new Year 5 starters in school today. They have been brilliant and we hope they have enjoyed their first day - we certainly have! We have also enjoyed meeting with children and parents from other year groups and hope you found the appointments as valuable as we did. The children now have a better understanding of what to expect tomorrow when they return to school to start the term. It is clearly going to be a learning process for all of us in the early stages of the term.

We would like to remind parents of the staggered start and end times for all year groups from tomorrow:

**Years 5 and 7** pupils should arrive at school at **8:35am** and line up (socially distant) in their form class to be collected by their form teacher at 8:40am. Staff will be there to supervise their entrance into school and handwashing before they enter their classrooms. **School will end at 3.20pm** but Year 5 pupils will be escorted out of the school building slightly before this to ensure there is some control of pupils leaving school.

**Years 6 and 8** pupils should arrive at **8:45am** and line up (socially distant) in their form class to be collected by their form teacher at 8:50am. Staff will be there to supervise their entrance into school and handwashing before they enter their classrooms. **School will end at 3.30pm** but Year 6 pupils will be escorted out of the school building slightly before this to ensure there is some control of pupils leaving school.

These times are based on our year group 'bubble' plans, in order to minimise contact between pupils in school, so it is important that children arrive at school on time and try not to mix with children from other year groups.

Some parents have asked today about timetables so that they know which days their child will have PE on for example. At present we will be asking the children to keep all school books, including their planners in their classrooms, so we have produced a **Quick Reference Guide** which we are sending with this letter for parents, carers and children to use at home, which summarises some of the key information like start times and PE days.

We would also like to remind parents that they should have completed a home-school agreement for their child, which shares with you our expectations around behaviour at this time and to ask for your support. Please go to <https://forms.gle/JtS975G5kpNyRmEG7> and read the document carefully, then complete and submit the form with your child's name, class and your name if you have not already done so.

As ever, we are committed to ensuring the children have a successful year in a safe environment and we appreciate your continued support in helping us to achieve this.

Kind regards

Mr J K Souter

Head of School