



# WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Year 5 Parent Update – End of precautionary covid measures in school

I hope this letter finds you well. I would like to begin by thanking all of our year 5 children and staff for the way in which they have adapted so well to the measures we were required to put in place to prevent against a spread of covid within the year group and school. We realise it will have been a disappointment for everyone to have restrictions in place over the past week and a half, after the term had started so well, but they have coped admirably throughout. I would also like to thank parents and carers too, for your support in ensuring the measures we put in place were followed. We have remained in close contact with Public Health England throughout and following a conversation with them yesterday we are pleased to announce that the precautionary measures that have been in place will end today and school can return to normal for our Year 5 children from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October. This means:

- Start and end times will no longer be staggered.
- **Children should arrive in school for 8:50am for the normal school day start.**
- Children in Year 5 will go straight to their form classes where they will be met by their teachers.
- Children in Year 5 will have full access to the yard again.
- **Children in Year 5 should wear the correct uniform every day** and bring their PE kit to school in their bag on PE days (Mondays and Thursdays).
- Swimming lessons for children in class 5C will continue on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October in PE lessons so they will also need to bring their swimming kit and a towel.
- The children will return to having their lunch in the main hall on lunchtimes, where the usual selection of hot and cold meals can be purchased.
- Year 5 children will return to having assemblies with the rest of school in the main hall.
- Teaching and support staff who work in year 5 will still be required to wear a mask.
- The school club offer for Year 5 children will resume from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October.
- **Children will be dismissed with other year groups at the end of the school day at 3:30pm.**

We would again like to remind parents and carers that, should your child present with any covid symptoms, you should not send them to school and should organise an immediate pcr test. As an extra protective measure, parents and carers may also choose to conduct regular lateral flow tests at home. We continue to review the situation in school on a day by day basis and it might be that in the future we have to put the same measures in place again in a year group. We of course hope that is not the case but are safe in the knowledge that we have systems in place and can cope if we are required to do so again.

We can now look forward to upcoming events in the year group starting with the residential visit to Dukeshouse Wood in the week after next!

Yours faithfully

Mr J K Souter  
Head of School