

WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

FIRST TO MIDDLE SCHOOL LIAISON WEEK ARRANGEMENTS 2022

Together with our first schools, we are working to ensure that the transition from first to middle school is as exciting and informative as possible. We have a full week of liaison activities planned to ensure that your child knows as much as possible about their new school and that their teachers have the opportunity to get to know them well before they begin the new school year in September.

Liaison week will take place from **11th – 15th July 2022**.

During this week, the programme will be as follows:

- **Monday: the children will come to Whytrig Middle School for 9:15am**, ready for a day out at Craggside House, Rothbury, exploring the history and surroundings of the estate, which will inform the rest of their transition week activities. Your child will need to bring a packed lunch with them on the trip. **Collection will be from Whytrig main gates at 3:00pm.**
- **Tuesday:** the children will work in their respective First Schools, with Mrs Chadwick and the Year 5 team. **Arrival and departure from First School as normal.**
- **Wednesday and Thursday:** the children will be in their new classes at Whytrig so that they can get a better understanding of what life will be like in our school from September. **Arrival at Whytrig Middle School Reception between 9:00 and 9:15am. Collection from Whytrig main gates at 3:00pm.**
- **Friday: the children will arrive at Whytrig Middle School between 9:00 and 9:15am.** The children will continue to work in their new classes. **Please join us at 2:30pm for a coffee afternoon in Astley school hall** to find out what your child has been up to! If you are unable to join us **children can be collected from Whytrig main gates at 3:00pm.**

EQUIPMENT

At Whytrig Middle School we will equip every child in our intake group with a pencil case, pen, pencil, ruler etc so that they have the essentials to be able to undertake their school work successfully. There is therefore no need for your child to bring a pencil case from home on the transfer week.

PE KIT

Your child should bring a change of PE clothing to be worn during any sessions that will take place during the three days in Whytrig Middle School. The kit should be brought on the Wednesday morning and will be kept in school over the three days and returned home with them at the end of transfer week.

LUNCH AT WHYTRIG

Lunch is £2.10 for a main meal and a pudding; there is also the option of buying individual items in the cafeteria. (Menu details can be found on our website.) In addition, a variety of biscuits (30p) or juices and flavoured water (40p – 90p) are also available. Payment will be taken on a cash basis during the transfer week. Meals will be provided for children who receive Free School Meals.

LOCKERBIE MANOR RESIDENTIAL TRIP

In November we will be taking Year 5 children on a residential trip to Lockerbie Manor, north of Carlisle, which is an excellent opportunity for the children to get to know their classmates in a more relaxed setting. After great success with these types of residential trips in recent years, we hope your child will join us in making this next one the best one yet! More information can be found in the Lockerbie Manor letter; deposits of £50 to secure a place on the trip are required by 30/06/2022. (Cheques made payable to Whytrig Middle School.)

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Whytrig Middle School has a very smart, but functional uniform, details of which can be found on our school website at <https://www.svf.org.uk/whytrig-middle-school/school-life/uniform>. Uniform is ordered through our supplier, Emblematic. Further information will be shared with parents and carers during your child's intake week, however we would like to give advance notice that uniform orders at Emblematic need to be made by 22nd July 2022 to guarantee delivery by the start of the new academic year.

PARENTS

We would again like to remind parents and carers that we have a formal opportunity for new intake parents to come to a meeting at Whytrig Middle School on **Wednesday 13th July at 6.30pm**. The meeting will begin with a short talk in the main hall, followed by the opportunity to meet staff, ask any questions you may have and find out about the new system for ordering uniform for next year.

We hope that you and your child will be able to take part in the week, 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 in the following link at

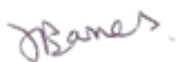
<https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=bB3R2MBES5W>.

You will shortly receive our school intake pack for the 2022-23 academic year; please return any forms requiring signatures to Whytrig Middle School by Friday 15th July 2022. 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. If you have any queries at all about the transition process, please do not hesitate to contact our Year 5 team at the following address which we have created specifically for this process

wmstransition@svf.org.uk.

We look forward to meeting you and your child!

Yours sincerely



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