

# Seghill First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Year 4 5 transition plans for children going to Whytrig Middle School**

All of the headteachers and teachers in years 4 and 5 in the Seaton Valley Learning Partnership are committed to providing the best transition plan that we can for our children. We all feel very strongly that this is something we must get right, especially as our Year 4 children have been through 3 lockdowns and have missed out on so many other things through no fault of their own.

Transition week will take place during **week beginning Monday 11 July**. It is very important that all Year 4 children are at school during this week and do not miss out on any aspect of the planned activities.

At the beginning of the week a Year 5 teacher from Seaton Sluice Middle School will come to our school and work with our Year 4 children and Mrs Lyons on Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 July.

As your child is going to Whytrig Middle School, plans for your child will be slightly different. We have arranged for your child to go to Seaton Delaval First School on Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 July so they will be taught by a teacher from Whytrig Middle School with other children who will be going to Whytrig. This is an agreement that we have in place with Mr Flitcroft, Headteacher of Seaton Sluice First School, every year. Your child will be going on a visit to Cragside on Monday 11 July to start the transition week. Their transition week work will come from their visit to Cragside.

For the latter part of the week, on Wednesday 07, Thursday 08 and Friday 09 July, your child will be taught at Whytrig Middle School by their new teacher with their new class. Please note that **transport is not provided** by school for children to get to or from Seaton Delaval First School or Whytrig Middle School during transition week.

By the end of the week, we feel that the children will have had a really good chance to get to grips with their new surroundings and start to build relationships with middle school staff and children from other SVLP first schools.

As transition week approaches, we will share more details of the plans that we have for the children for transition week. You will also be provided with information from the middle school about daily routines, such as bus transport, school meals and uniform.

Teachers from Years 4 and 5 from all SVLP first and middle schools will be involved in planning meetings before transition week. Mrs Lyons and I will also have meetings with Year 5 teachers to share information about every child, including pastoral information about friendships groups, academic ability and progress and any additional needs your child may have.

In the meantime, we will continue to prepare the children for their move to middle school. The system of parents allowing their children to walk down the drive and enter the classroom seems to be working well. We have also had positive feedback about children leaving school without an adult at home time.

If you have any questions regarding transition, please speak to Mrs Lyons or myself- if we can answer, we will. We know that it can be a stressful time for parents and carers- please talk to us and we will do whatever we can to help.

Our Year 4 transition programme has always been very highly regarded throughout Northumberland because of the opportunities that it provides for our children. We hope that this will also be the case this year. A whole week focused on transition is a really good chance for our children to take more steps on the journey from first to middle school.

Yours sincerely

Miss Chappell  
Headteacher

Mrs Lyons  
Year 4 teacher