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Dear P7 Pupils and Parents/Carers,

My name is Miss Watson and I am the Depute Head Teacher in charge of P7>S1 transition along with Mrs Connell (House Head) and Ms Taylor (Head of Support for Learning). This is the first of a series of communications I will be sending out to you to introduce you to the staff at Leith Academy and to explain how our school is organised.

You will no doubt be disappointed, as we are, that transition this session will need to be different due to Covid-19. However, we and all the primary staff are looking at how we can creatively still link with you and prepare you for your move into secondary school and support you to become superb S1 Leith Academy pupils.

Throughout this year we have been talking with your P7 teachers and gathering information about you as a person and as a learner. This helps us to create your new S1 classes. We try to make sure you are in the same House Group as any brothers or sisters that are already attending Leith Academy. We balance each class in terms of the number of pupils; gender and practical sets.

Our S1 pupils always say that they have kept some of their primary friends but have also made lots of new friends. That is part of what is exciting about the move to secondary school, the opportunity of meeting lots of different new people some of whom will become close friends. That is hard to imagine right now but it will be true of you too.

While we look at putting your classes together the staff at Leith Academy are also busy creating some slideshows and recordings to introduce themselves and their subject areas and so you can find out more about our school and teachers we have. Links to these will be sent out to you over the coming weeks.

For now, I would like you to have a think about any questions you have for us. Our wonderful team of House Heads, Support for Learning, Senior Leadership Team and Senior Pupils will collate these and put together a video answering your questions. You can submit any questions you have by filling in a short survey via this link <https://tinyurl.com/y7osb3h6>. Please let us know if you would like a teacher or pupil to answer your question. You can include your name and primary school or leave your name blank if you would like to ask anonymously.

Once this part is completed we can then move on to other transition tasks to help you get ready to join us whenever the Scottish Government advise that it is safe for you all to come back to school.

In the meantime, continue to work hard on all the work set by your teachers so that you keep improving and strengthening your skills. Make sure you are also taking time to relax and look after your wellbeing. We are all finding this a strange time so keep in touch with your family and friends.

Kind Regards,

Miss Rachel Watson
Depute Head Teacher

