



LEITH ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to learn that your child is coming to Leith Academy next session. We are progressing well through our transition plans with primary schools and have hosted a variety of events for P7 pupils. It is important that parents and pupils understand exactly what is offered and expected by our school. Our Pupil Support staff have been in contact with P7 teachers over the course of this session to ensure the appropriate information is shared.

You can find further details via our Transition tab on the school website <https://leithacademy.uk/parents/transition/>, along with our S1 handbook on our school website [S1 Pupil Handbook - Leith Academy \(office.com\)](#).

Our staff are currently creating the new S1 classes, and your child will follow their S1 timetable on their three-day transition visit Tuesday 18th – Thursday 20th June. Prior to the visit, you will receive an email informing you of your child's 'point class' eg 1.1, 1.2... and their House. It is important they remember this information when they come for their three-day visit as we will ask them to line up with their 'point class' at the front of the school building. Staff and senior pupils will be there to meet and greet them and make sure they are in the correct place. The schedule will be:

- Our Parent Information Session will be on Monday 17th June at 6.30pm in Leith Academy – we would be delighted if you are able to come along to hear about our school.

P7 pupils will then attend:

- Tuesday 18th June in Leith Academy – 8.40am until 3.15pm
- Wednesday 19th June in Leith Academy – 8.40am until 3.15pm
- Thursday 20th June in Leith Academy – 8.40am until 3.15pm

School iPads/school bags

Primary schools have their own agreed arrangements in place with us to ensure pupils can use their school iPads during the three-day visit. Please ensure your child comes with a school bag as they will need to carry these from class to class. They will be given out by our Prefects at the start of each day, and collected in at the end.

Important information for new S1s:

1 Uniform

Our uniform is simple, to help families;

- Leith Academy tie
- White shirt
- Black skirt or black trousers (not jogging bottoms)
- Black footwear
- Black sweater or cardigan if needed.

During the three-day visit we ask P7 pupils to wear their current Primary School uniform.

2 Health and Safety

This is an area of utmost importance. We are keen to build on the positive work done in primary schools and you should be aware of the following arrangements. P7 pupils will be encouraged to use our cafeteria and given priority in this area throughout breaks and lunchtimes. School meals will be free to all P7 pupils during their three-day visit, and we suggest they bring a snack for break time. They will be issued with a token for their school lunch at the start of each day. Packed lunches can be brought, and an area will be set aside for P7 pupils. It is recommended that P7/S1 pupils do not leave school at these times at least until the September long weekend (unless going home for lunch, by arrangement). It would be helpful to know if this is the case for the three-day visit and you should contact us to discuss this via email to admin@leith.edin.sch.uk. The measure is intended to help pupils develop good eating habits and ensure their safety (the roads around the school are busy). It also gives them a chance to socialise with other P7/S1 pupils. Pupils can access drinking water at our water dispensers if they bring a water bottle with them. We are a health promoting school and I hope you will support our efforts to improve our pupils' diets. This has an impact on their capacity to learn.

3 Curriculum

S1 pupils will continue their Broad General Education covering S1-S3. In S1 they experience the full range of subjects on offer here at Leith Academy. Options to cater for personalisation and choice will become available as they move through S2 and S3.

I hope this information is useful to you. If you no longer required the placement, please contact the Pupil Placement Team at the Council. The Parent Council will be represented at the Parent Information Evening on Monday 17th June. This will give you an opportunity to meet with some of them and learn more about the work of the Parent Council. You will be most warmly welcomed.

Kind Regards,

Miss Rachel Watson
Depute Head Teacher