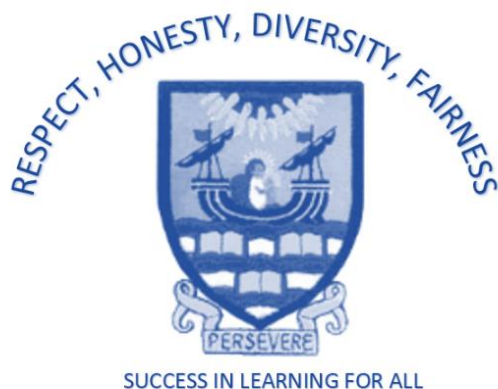




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Re: S1 Break and Lunch time

Date: 4 Sept 2026

Dear S1 Families,

I hope your child is settling into Leith Academy and has enjoyed their first steps at Secondary School. The transition from Primary into Secondary is a significant one and I thank you for the support you have provided both your child and the School in sharing our key messages around values, character, uniform and coming to School ready to learn with equipment and with a positive attitude to working and achieving their best.

S1 Pupils stay in school for the first few weeks to allow them to settle into their surroundings and to become familiar with the school grounds and our cashless catering / cafe system. It also allows youngsters to see the clubs on offer at lunch and for friendships to develop.

Given the positive start by our S1's, I will lift the requirement that all S1 are to stay in School during break and lunchtime from Monday onwards. This will give S1 Pupils, along with all other Pupils in the School, *the choice* to either stay in School (as many pupils do) or leave School to access the community. Certain points are worth noting;

- Our school is situated in the heart of our Leith community and we, like you, hope our youngsters are respectful and mature when they represent both their Family and their School beyond the school
- Adhere to road safety and use crossings provided
- Check the time - Pupils must plan their times in order to return before the end of break / lunch
- Pupils should continue to make healthy choices with your support on what they eat / drink during break / lunch
- Keep the great community of Leith tidy and use the bins
- Pupils **are not permitted** to bring fast food (for example chip shops / McD / Pizza) into the building

In summary, from Monday, S1 Pupils will have the option to leave the School and access the local community at break and lunch providing they have Parental permission, behave in a safe and sensible manner and return on time for their next class.

Please discuss and agree your position as a Family to support positive message sharing between home and school and I hope our youngsters value this increased responsibility.

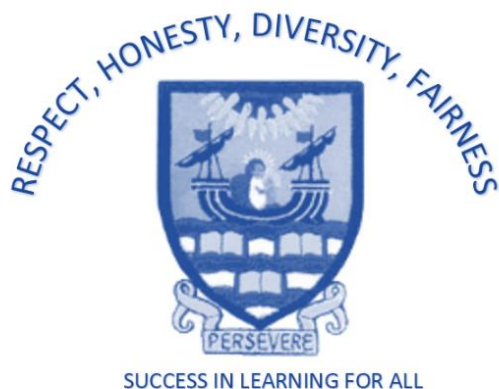
Yours sincerely,

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