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Dear Parent/Carer,

Lunch time arrangements for S1 pupils

From Monday 26th April, S1 pupils will be permitted to leave school premises at lunch time if they wish. I am writing to make parents aware of this, and of the legal position, which is as follows: -

- Parents/carers of secondary school pupils have a legal right to allow their child to leave the school during the lunch break.
- Where a pupil leaves the school premises, the school is not responsible for the pupil's safety/welfare.
- Pupils' parents are responsible for their child during this time even if they are unable or unwilling to supervise their child directly.

Pupils who leave the school premises at lunchtime need to follow the COVID rules that are in place in the community. These are 2m physical distancing, groups of no more than 6 young people and the wearing of face coverings in shops.

From the school point of view, our preference would be for pupils to eat a healthy lunch in school and participate in the lunchtime activities on offer.

I will discuss this with S1 pupils this week, during Registration, so that they are aware of their responsibilities as representatives of the school when they are in a public place, and of what to do should a situation arise which causes them concern.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact me.

Kind Regards

Belinda Morrison

Depute Head Teacher