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Dear Parents

I am delighted to write to you as the proud Principal of George Pindar School. As you may be aware, I took up my new post on the 29 April and it has been a pleasure to welcome our students back to school this week and to begin to get to know them at the start of this very busy summer term. I have found the vast majority of students to be extremely polite, interesting and engaged in their learning and I am looking forward to working with them and you to ensure that we all have every reason to be 'Proud to be Pindar'.

As you are aware, this week we have launched our new Behaviour Policy called Positive Discipline. In line with the values of Hope Learning Trust, the policy aims to 'catch students doing what is right' by rewarding students who make positive choices with a consistent framework for those who do not. It is a policy that has been proven to reduce classroom disruption and support in the establishment of a high-quality learning environment. The new policy can be found on our website: <https://georgepindarschool.co.uk/pdfs/Behaviour-Policy-Effective-From-Summer-Term-2019.pdf>

A crucial aspect of this new policy is the school planner. Each student has been given a new planner for this term where all homework can be recorded. In addition, any positive stamps and behaviour codes are written in the planner. In order to improve home-school communication, we would ask that you sign the planner each week and take the time to discuss any codes or rewards at home. If you have any queries regarding the planner or behaviour policy please contact your child's Pastoral Manager in the first instance.

There is a renewed focus on uniform in the policy and we are grateful for the support of our parents and carers who ensure that our policy is adhered to. The policy is located at <https://georgepindarschool.co.uk/pdfs/GPS-Uniform-And-Equipment-From-September-2018.pdf>. Students who arrive at school without the correct uniform will be expected to borrow items from our stock. Any student who borrows uniform will be expected to leave their phone, house keys or something similar in exchange for the item which will be returned at the end of the day when the item of uniform is handed in. If a student refuses to change their uniform or remove make-up / jewellery etc, they will be isolated within school. If you are unsure about the suitability of your child's uniform again, I ask you to contact your child's Pastoral Manager.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of our policy on mobile phones in school. Mobiles are not permitted in school. If a student needs a mobile phone before or after school, they should keep that phone turned off and out of sight during the school day. Any mobile phone seen or heard by a member of staff will be confiscated and must be collected from Georgio's at the end of the school day. If a phone is confiscated from a student 3 times, on the third occasion we will contact parents/carers and ask you to collect the phone. The phone will be kept safely in the school office until you are able to collect it.

I would like to thank you for your support of all aspects of our Behaviour Policy; with your co-operation we will be able to create a learning environment in which all students can thrive and engage in the range of opportunities we have on offer. Should you wish to discuss this, our next Meet the Principal event takes place on Wednesday 15 May 2019 from 6.30-7.30pm and I look forward to seeing you there.

I do hope you and your families enjoy the bank holiday weekend and look forward to seeing our students at 8.35am on Tuesday 7 May 2019.

Yours sincerely

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