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To: All Parents/Carers

Dear Parent/Carer

As the end of the 2017-2018 academic year is upon us, I would like to thank you for your support throughout this year in helping George Pindar School to continue to improve in order to provide your son/daughter with the best possible education. I am confident that with the continued support of Hope Learning Trust, 2018-2019 will be an exciting year, in which we will make significant steps forwards in achieving our vision of providing your son/daughter with an outstanding education.

As it is the end of the year let me take this opportunity to provide you with a number of key reminders and updates in preparation for September 2018:

Uniform – As you are aware we are introducing a new school uniform for September 2018. You should by now have received your uniform voucher which can be redeemed at Rumours on Victoria Road between 13 August and 4 September. Please refer to the Uniform Guidance which is on the school website and ensure that your child is correctly dressed in September.

Please note: *From September any student wearing unsuitable/inappropriate uniform will be sent home from the school gate in the morning. This will be marked as an unauthorised absence on the register. It is expected that any unsuitable/ inappropriate uniform is replaced as soon as possible. Repeated infringements may result in exclusion.*

Holiday Arrangements Reminder - I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the school views good attendance as at least 96%. This is because research has shown that attendance below this level will impact on a student's chances of success in their GCSE examinations. We believe your child's education is so important that it is right and proper to apply the Government policy on holiday absence to the letter. This means that we will not authorise any holiday absence.

Timings of the School Day – The timings of the school day, Monday to Friday from September 2018 will be:

0835	Arrival
0840 - 0910	Tutorial
0910 - 1010	Period 1
1010 - 1110	Period 2
1110 - 1125	Break
1125 - 1225	Period 3
1225 - 1300	Lunch
1300 - 1400	Period 4
1400 - 1500	Period 5

For your information students' return to School in September on the following dates:

Tuesday 4 September – **Year 7 students** start at George Pindar School.

Wednesday 5 September – **All students** return to School.

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Holiday Dates 2018-2019 – The holiday dates for the next academic year can be found on the school website – please follow the link in the bottom right corner of the home page.

At George Pindar School we are always looking to improve communications with parents and carers. As a result, we will be ensuring information regarding student praise, reward and sanctions is more frequent, personalised and effective. It is therefore important that we hold up-to-date contact details to facilitate this. From September, both the rewards and sanctions procedures are to be simplified to improve the learning environment for all at George Pindar School. We welcome your support in making this successful and in promoting an ethos of *achievement for all*.

To close, I would once again like to thank all parents and carers for their support over the last academic year and wish you all the best for the Summer break.

Yours sincerely



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