



Start of the school day

To start each day on a positive note we would like all students to enter the school through the main student entrance on Moor Lane. Students arriving on bikes or scooters should use the Pindar Road entrance to avoid bringing their bikes/scooters through the school building. I and other members of both the Senior Leadership Team and Pastoral Team will greet students at the entrances every morning with a friendly greeting. Students will be asked to show their planner on entry to the school as well as have their uniform checked. This initial first contact is a very important part of showing that we care for and welcome all students to the school whilst also ensuring they are prepared for the day ahead.

Uniform

The standard of school uniform has improved vastly since the new uniform was introduced earlier this year, yet there is still work to do to ensure that all students represent the school well and wear their uniform correctly and with pride. We intend to continue in making uniform a priority in terms of having high expectations of our students. Therefore, any student wearing incorrect uniform will be challenged at the school entrance and during registration. If the uniform is incorrect, parents/carers will be contacted and if replacement uniform cannot be arranged then students will be offered alternative items to wear (trousers/shoes) if we have them available. Students who refuse to wear or adjust their uniform to our regulations may be sent to the Internal Exclusion room or be sent home. If there are unavoidable reasons why your child cannot wear the correct uniform; please provide them with a note in their student planner explaining the reasons for this. We will not be allowing facial piercings, 1 small stud in each ear will be the only piercings permitted. Excess make up, jewellery, and nail varnish will be also be challenged and students will be asked to remove dark nail varnish and heavy makeup.

Equipment

All students are expected to come to school every day with the equipment they need to be successful. This includes a pen, pencil, ruler, school planner, a reading book and PE kit/cooking ingredients where necessary. Students should also have an appropriate school bag large enough to carry everything needed for school. A full list of our uniform requirements including the new regulations is available on our web site:

<https://georgepindarschool.co.uk/pdfs/GPS-Uniform-And-Equipment-From-September-2018.pdf>

Mobile phones

We recognise that mobile phones are important to our students for contacting parents and carers as a safety precaution that can be used to and from school. Recent research suggests that the use of mobile phones can have a detrimental effect on student outcomes. Mobile phones affect behaviour; they can be a major distraction and can be used to bully and harm others. For this reason, we do not allow the use of mobile phones (and portable devices) on site during school hours. Any phone seen during this time will be confiscated by staff and passed to the appropriate Pastoral Manager for collection by the student at the end of the day. If you need to contact your child urgently, please phone the school Reception and the message will be passed on to your child.