



28 September 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

Updates from George Pindar School

I hope this finds you well after the first month of the academic year. As October approaches, I would like to provide some updates on attendance, school surveys and parking near school.

As you are aware, **attendance is our number one priority** and whilst I am delighted that many students have achieved 100% attendance over the last four weeks, the overall figure for school attendance is 86.78% which is well below our whole-school attendance target. I cannot stress the importance of attendance enough; put simply, students who attend more achieve more so please encourage your child to attend school every single day and please refrain from booking holidays in term time. Our in-school rewards system is based on the collection of stamps which are counted up weekly and can be used to 'buy' rewards like queue jumper tickets or tuck shop vouchers at the end of each term. Students who achieve 100% attendance each week are given tickets to the 100 Club to enter into our prize draw - please remind your child that they need to be in to win! If you have any queries or challenges with attendance please contact school - we are here to help.

Our Chief Executive Officer Helen Winn has asked me to pass on the following message: Stakeholder engagement is vital to our Trust and its individual schools. It offers numerous benefits, including informed decision-making, enhanced communication, target development and can create more inclusive, effective, and responsive systems. We are writing to advise you that we are changing the way we collect your views and hear the voice of our staff and pupils. We have selected **School Surveys**. School Surveys enable us to select questions that can be benchmarked against similar school settings to gain a more in depth understanding of this vital feedback. Our surveys will be short and concise, so we do not impact your valued time. Our first survey to parents/carers will be issued on **Monday 29th September 2025**. This will then be followed by a short survey to our pupils on **Monday 13th October 2025** which will be facilitated during school time. To find out more about School Surveys, please use the following link; <https://schools-surveys.com/> Please look out for your survey link tomorrow.

Our local Neighbourhood Policing Team have asked me to pass on the following message: Operation Park Smart will be restarting very soon. This operation is specifically aimed at tackling dangerous and inconsiderate parking on the yellow zig-zag lines outside schools. As you will be aware, parking on these markings is both unsafe and unlawful. Vehicles stopping in these areas place children at significant risk by blocking sight lines and making road crossings more hazardous.

Over the coming weeks and months, officers will be patrolling outside schools in both uniform and plain clothes. Please note:

- There is no requirement for officers to speak directly with drivers at the time of the offence.
- Parking tickets will be issued and sent directly to the home address of the registered keeper of the vehicle.



This action is being taken to ensure the safety of all students and their families during busy drop-off and pick-up times. The Neighbourhood Policing Team have noted that this should be taken as an advisory note as no further discretion will be given.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to support this initiative by parking considerately and avoiding restricted areas. Working together, we can help keep our children safe.

I would like to thank you, as always, for your support as we seek to help your child strive for success at George Pindar School.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L Welsh'.

Lesley Welsh

Principal | George Pindar School