

Principal: Lesley Welsh



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Dear Parent/Carer

The spring term continues to move apace and we remain delighted with the attitude to learning of our students and the improvements which are being made in school. We were delighted to host BBC Radio York's presenter Bek Homer last week and the resulting 'By The Sea' George Pindar School special was broadcast on Thursday evening. This programme highlighted the positivity which surrounds the school and this is reflected in lessons on a daily basis.

As you may be aware, we want to share more information with you about improvements being made in school through the publication of our half termly newsletter, the Pindar Press. This newsletter is published digitally and can be sent direct to your inbox. An up-to-date email address is therefore extremely useful to us in school and we would be delighted if you could update your address by contacting hello@gps.hlt.academy. Additionally, up-to-date contact telephone numbers are vital in case of any emergency situation and we would appreciate you making us aware promptly of any changes. You can update us via email or by contacting the School Reception. We recently said goodbye to Mrs Villaret and our new Senior Attendance Officer Mr Taylor has now commenced his role. He is keen to contact parents/carers with attendance updates and therefore your support in ensuring we have the correct contact details is much appreciated.

As per my previous letter, we are keen to engage with parents/carers to support improvements in school. The next meeting of the Supporters of George Pindar School, or SGPS, is due to take place on **Wednesday 18 March at 6.30pm**. All interested parents/carers are invited to attend this meeting where we will discuss the vision for the school and a set of values on which we would love your feedback. Please contact Mrs Simpson in school if you are able to attend.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the upcoming Tour de Yorkshire which will pass along Cayton Low Road as it has in previous years. This year the event takes place on Thursday 30 April 2020; it is anticipated that the road will be closed between 2pm and 3.20pm. Please bear this in mind when making pick-up arrangements for your child on the 30 April. There will be a small group of students who will be representing the school in the Tour de Yorkshire parade and more details will follow to the individuals concerned soon.

Finally as we approach the Easter holidays, please note that we will be closing at **1.00pm on Friday 3 April**. School transport has been re-arranged and the morning break has been extended so that students can eat a meal at 11.30am. Students will return to school on **Monday 20 April**.

As you are aware, I am passionate about the student, parent/carers, school relationship and the school values feedback. Where possible we aim to speak/meet parents/carers within 24 hours of initial contact. However, this is not always possible due to teaching and other commitments and we would encourage parents/carers to contact the school in advance, especially if you are wishing to speak to a specific member of staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you as ever for your ongoing support of the school and look forward to sharing more news with you through our newsletters and via email.

Yours sincerely

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