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Dear Parent / Carer

Let's Build Great Habits in Year 7!

I hope that you and your family are settling in well as your child begins this exciting new chapter in Year 7 at George Pindar School. Starting secondary school is a special time and I am sure that you are as eager as we are to see your child thrive academically and socially.

One key to success in Year 7 and beyond is consistent attendance and we are thrilled to let you know that Year 7 attendance at George Pindar has been excellent throughout September. When students are in school every day, they are not only learning, they are also building routines and relationships that help them to develop.

Please note that there have been changes to how schools record attendance, following the publication of a Department for Education document this summer. One of the key implications of this is the way in which schools manage and record holidays taken during term time. Previously, parents have informed the school of intended holidays and asked for permission for the holiday to be approved by the school. Under the new guidance this is not possible as schools are no longer able to use an approved code enabling this. All holidays taken during term time are therefore recorded as unauthorised. We strongly encourage parents to ensure that students do not take holidays during term time but should this be the case, we would still ask that you inform us of your intention to take your child on holiday during term time to aid with our safeguarding responsibilities within school.

We would like to thank you for making attendance a priority; your commitment truly makes a difference, and it is noticed and appreciated. Every student who achieves 100% attendance every week receives a ticket for the 100 Club draw - a chance to win one of 3 £100 prizes at the end of this half term. By ensuring your child is here regularly, you are giving them the best chance to succeed now and in the future. If you are struggling to get your child into school regularly, please contact us for support. We are here to help. We look forward to seeing your child at school on Monday.

Yours sincerely

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