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Dear Parent / Carer

Springboard into Summer with 100% attendance!

As we enter the final four weeks of the academic year, and further to Mr Murray's assembly to students last week, I would like to highlight the importance of good attendance and punctuality at school and inform you of some attendance initiatives over the next four weeks.

Research released by the Department for Education shows that the lower a child's attendance at school, the less likely the child is to achieve strong grades at GCSE. There is no doubt that the more often a child is in school, the more likely they are to succeed. With that in mind, and to help us tackle our key priority of attendance, we would like to challenge the students in school to improve their attendance in the final four weeks of the academic year, and we want to reward those who manage to do this!

Every child who achieves 100% attendance in the previous week receives a '100 Club' ticket which can be entered into a prize draw to win one of three £100 vouchers in our half termly draws! We will do the draw for the final prizes this year on Sports Day on Friday 18 July. Students need to be in to win!

As a bonus incentive, there will be a weekly £10 tutor prize to a student with 100% attendance during the previous week for the next four weeks. Every child in a tutor group with 100% attendance in the previous five days has a chance to win and we cannot wait to reward even more students who understand how much attendance matters!

Finally, I would like to update families on a new drive for punctuality in school. Lessons last one hour but we have noticed lately that students are often arriving well after the start of the lesson and this is having an impact on learning. In a change to our current procedures, students who are late to lesson will receive a 20 minute detention **every time they are late**. We do not wish to punish students and have reminded students to arrive to lessons promptly; we would be grateful for your support in reinforcing the importance of punctuality to school and lessons.

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

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