

# Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form

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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Miss Rachel Smith**

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you that Rachel Smith passed away at the weekend. Miss Smith was Assistant Headteacher for Catholic Life and Head of RE. She has been a teacher at BGN since 1996 and her loss will be felt throughout the school and wider community.

This morning we held an Assembly for all our students and prayed with them. Our Pastoral team will be available to support students as always.

We will write to you further when we know about the funeral arrangements and we will obviously need to close the school for the day. We will of course be mindful of exam students who will be fully supported and we would like to reassure you that external exams will not be affected.

We thank you for your support as we pray together for Rachel, her family, friends and all those whose lives she touched.

Yours sincerely

Niamh Dolan  
Headteacher

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