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Dear Parent/Guardian

Miss Rachel Smith – Partial Closure of School on Monday 23 May 2022

I wrote to you recently about the very sad death of Miss Rachel Smith. As you know, Miss Smith had been a very important long-standing member of our community, leading our school on all aspects of Catholic life. Her contribution to the spiritual education of students at BGN over many decades was always outstanding and we know that she is much missed by staff, students and former staff and students.

We have now received the arrangements for Miss Smith's funeral which will take place on Monday 23 May 2022. The school will be partially closed on this day only due to the number of staff who will be attending her funeral. Work will be set on the VLE for all students, except those who need to attend school for an external exam. There will therefore be a skeleton number of staff who will remain in school to supervise these exams.

School will re-open for all students at 8.40 am as normal on Tuesday 24 May 2022.

We will arrange a whole school Mass to celebrate the life of Miss Smith and her contribution to our school in due course.

We thank you for your support and understanding, especially your kind messages which we will pass on to Miss Smith's family.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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