

Blessed George Napier Catholic School and Sixth Form

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Uniform and other key reminders

We are writing to confirm a small number of changes and reminders about Blessed George Napier's uniform and equipment expectations for the new academic year, ahead of September. We hope that sharing this information now will help families with any purchases they will need to make over the summer holiday.

Uniform — compulsory items

At BGN we are looking at ways to reduce the cost of uniform for parents, whilst also maintaining the high standards which are associated with our school. The key branded items which should be purchased from our uniform supplier are given below:-

For boys:

Blazer (with BGN badge), school tie and PE navy blue top (with the BGN badge) are compulsory.

For girls:

Blazer (with BGN badge), blouse and PE navy blue top (with BGN badge) are compulsory.

All other optional items on the full uniform list remain but can be purchased from a wider range of shops, but must meet the school's requirements. This will give parents the opportunity to shop around.

Where to buy uniform

All compulsory items should be purchased from our official uniform supplier, Cross Embroidery (details can be found on the attached full list). Optional items can also be purchased from Cross Embroidery, but may be purchased from other retailers, provided they meet the school's specification for colour and style.

Equipment

Our equipment expectations remain largely unchanged. Pupils should continue to bring standard classroom equipment (pens, pencil, ruler and school-recommended calculator where required etc) in a pencil case, together with their student planner. In addition, we ask that every pupil brings a reading book in their bag each day. Daily independent reading supports vocabulary, comprehension and access to the whole curriculum.

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Mobile phones and social media

You will have seen recent national reports and updated guidance about mobile phone use in schools and young people's online safety. Blessed George Napier will continue to operate a strict '*Never seen, never heard*' policy with regard to mobile phones during the school day. Pupils should switch phones off before entering the school site and keep them securely in their bag. Any pupil who does not follow this expectation will have their phone confiscated and parents/guardians contacted, in line with our behaviour policy.

If the Department for Education issues further guidance or statutory changes affecting mobile phone policy or social media, we will review our procedures and inform you of any updates as soon as possible.

Support with purchases

We understand that school uniform costs can be a pressure for families. If you need support with purchasing uniform or PE kit, please contact the school in confidence. We hold a supply of pre-loved uniform and can signpost local sources and financial support, where needed.

If you have a child who has recently left the school and are happy to donate good quality PE kit, ties and other uniform items we would be happy to receive them.

Next steps

- The final uniform list (including supplier details for Cross Embroidery) is attached and will be published on the school website.
- If you have any immediate questions about uniform, equipment or phone expectations, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Thank you for your continued support. Our shared commitment to high expectations, positive relationships and clear routines helps every pupil to learn and flourish at Blessed George Napier.

Yours sincerely

BGN School

Enclosure: Full uniform list and Cross Embroidery contact details

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