



Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am delighted to inform you that **Lissara Girls' Brigade** will be starting a new session on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023. We look forward to a year of fun and fellowship.

Our Risk Assessments have been reviewed and we continue to ensure that every GB member is kept safe whilst attending Girls' Brigade.

## Arrival and Departure

- Tinies and Explorer Sections 6.45-7.45pm
- Junior, Senior and Brigader Sections 7.00-8.15pm
- Girls should be dropped off and collected at the main door of the hall.
- We wish to continue to limit the number of people entering the premises so please do not enter the hall.

## Hygiene and Cleaning

- If your daughter is unwell at all, please do not send your daughter to GB activities.
- Please ensure your daughter uses the toilet at home before coming to G.B.
- Girls will be encouraged to sanitise their hands on arrival.

## Programme arrangements

- Junior, Senior and Brigader girls only will require a Bible and a pen. Please discourage girls from bringing in any unnecessary items such as toys or food.
- If your child requires it, please send a filled, named water bottle with them. No food should be brought to GB unless required for medical purposes.
- We will recommence on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September and run until Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023.
- There will be no GB on Wednesday 1st November 2023.
- In the New Year we hope to recommence on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024** and further information will follow at this time.

# Registration

- Please complete an online Registration and Consent Form using the link that will follow this letter.
- Before completing the registration form, please refer to gbni.co.uk/our-policies to review our Safeguarding Policy for parents.

- When completing the form, please ensure to highlight any additional needs/care your daughter might require.
- Fees £20 per girl (£15 per girl paid to GB Headquarters for insurance etc. and the remainder will be used for craft resources/activities/badges etc.)
- Fees should be paid online into the Lissara GB account which is held with Ulster Bank, Downpatrick using the Account No. 12282349 and Sort Code 98-05-40. Please put your daughter's name alongside the payment. Please text me when you make a payment to assist with reconciliation.

## Uniform

 Tinies and Explorers should wear a red GB jumper, navy tunic, white knee high socks or red or navy tights and white laced gym shoes.
 We hope to have adequate supplies to be able to lend each girl a red GB Jumper and navy tunic.

# We would ask Parents and Girls in these sections to come to the hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September between 6.45 and 7.15pm to sort uniform.

- Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders should wear their GB hoodie with black leggings and trainers. Should any competitions be entered uniform may be required.
- Should you wish to purchase a new GB Hoodie (Junior, Senior and Brigader Sections only) sizes available are- 7-8 years, 9-11 years, 12-13 years, Cost £16. S, M, L, Ladies. Cost £23. Please text me if you require a new hoodie and I will place as a bulk order (minimum order of 6 hoodies required). I would ask that hoodie payments are also made online to our GB Account (details within registration section above.)
  Please note all GB Hoodies going forward will have the GB Crest on them as the Smiley Face Logo is no longer available.
- We would greatly appreciate any donations of uniform that are no longer needed. If you wish to donate any uniform suitable for a Tiny or Explorer, please contact us prior to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

## Attendance Awards

To gain an Attendance Award, Tinies and Explorers must attend a minimum of 19 weekly GB Meetings and Company section members must attend a minimum of 22 weekly GB meetings and Company Bible Class sessions. To gain an Open Bible Award, girls of any age must attend Church a minimum of 22 times during the GB Session.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing you again very soon!

Best wishes, Lyndsey Beggs (Captain)