



Friday, 9th July 2021

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well.

Your child will receive their First Holy Communion at Our Lady's Church on **Saturday, 18th September 2021 at 11.30am.**

This year First Holy Communion will take place over four ceremonies on two days. This has been necessary in order to be able to maintain the church's strict social distancing rules. It will, unavoidably, be very different from the way we would normally celebrate this important day, and, in order to keep everyone safe, I need to stress the following –

- Immediate family **ONLY** (parents/carers, siblings and grandparents) are welcome to attend. Unfortunately, no friends or extended family will be allowed to come to the service.
- Please ensure that you arrive 15 minutes before the start of the ceremony. This is to ensure everyone is seated safely and calmly to begin on time.
- For anyone aged 12 or over, it is a legal requirement that you are to wear a mask whilst you are in church. Regrettably, anyone who does not have a mask, over the age of 12, will not be admitted, unless they have a medical condition which deems that they can't wear one.
- There will be no photographs allowed to be taken, both inside or outside church, in order to prevent crowding and congestion. You are kindly asked to vacate the church and grounds as swiftly as possible.

If you have not yet obtained clothes for your child for First Holy Communion, girls usually wear traditional white dresses, and the dress code for boys is white shirt, red tie and black trousers, or suit. If you have a problem finding red ties for boys, they can be ordered from Parker's Schoolwear using the following link: <http://www.parkersonlinestore.com> and click 'Communion Clothes' in the column on the left hand side of the page.

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Once all the children have made their First Holy Communion, we will be having official Communion photographs taken in school on Monday 27th September 2021. Your child needs to arrive in school on that day dressed in their communion clothes, with their school uniform in a bag to change back into. They will have the photographs, both individual and the whole Communion group, taken first thing in the morning. They will then have a special Communion 'breakfast' in the hall. Can you please ensure your child brings hangers in for their clothes to be hung on for the rest of the day. Due to the restrictions for coming onto school premises, unfortunately the clothes will NOT be able to be picked up during the school day.

Further details of the arrangements will be sent home nearer the time.

First Holy Communion is a very sacred occasion and we expect all who attend to do so with a spirit of reverence and respect for the church. In this way we will have a very meaningful and happy celebration for your child.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. McGrail
Deputy Head Teacher



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