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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well.

It has been a difficult year, to say the least, and the coronavirus has affected school life massively. Unfortunately, First Holy Communion had to be postponed due to churches being closed nationally and social distance regulations. However, we believe that we should be able to hold the services in October 2020 for our current year 3s.

Therefore, the new dates will be 10th and 17th October. However, as you can imagine, it will be VERY different from previous First Communions. Church has had to have a thorough risk assessment and can only open under strict instruction as regards social distancing. Therefore, the only people who will be permitted to accompany the children will be their parents, siblings and grandparents. Nobody else will be allowed to enter the church. Whilst I appreciate this will be of great disappointment to many of you, we know that you will understand that this is a necessary step under the current circumstances.

When we return after the summer, we will give you the exact date and time of your child's communion.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter. I am sure that it will be a wonderful day and one which will remain in yours and your children's hearts.

Thank you

Yours sincerely,

Father Tadgh



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