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Dear Parent/Carer,

Sacrament of First Holy Communion **Saturday 31st October**

Your child has been preparing well in class for their very special day and Fr. Joe Burke, our school chaplain will be visiting the school throughout this week to work with the children, rehearse and enable the children to participate in the Sacrament of Confession.

In order to ensure we are adhering to Government Guidance, on Friday the children will meet with Fr. Joe, Fr. Ryan and Fr. Laurent to have confession in the gym hall where a safe physical distance can be maintained. Masks will be worn by all adults in attendance during confessions.

Final Arrangements for the First Communion Masses

Group 1: Please arrive at the church between 9.30 and 9.45am

Group 2: Please arrive at the church at 11.00 and 11.15am

Entering the Church

On entering the church you will be met by stewards who will be taking the names and contact details of all adults in attendance. There will also be S6 volunteers from St. Andrew's Academy who will show you to your allocated seats.

Seating

Rows will be identified with the pupil's name on a reserved sign. We kindly ask that your child sits at the end of the row nearest to the centre aisle.

As per government guidelines, no more than 2 households can be seated in the allocated row. If your party of 4 is made up of more than 2 households you will be split over 2 rows.

Masks

Masks should be worn by everyone from entering the church and throughout the ceremony.

Pupils should remove their mask as they go to receive communion and leave it at their seat – masks must be put back on as soon as they return to their seat.

All others must keep their masks on until they approach the priest, remove masks to receive communion and replace masks immediately after.



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Holy Communion

The children will receive communion as a group before everyone else in the church. After receiving communion, your child will take their place on the steps of the altar where they will remain until communion has been distributed to the rest of the congregation. They will be directed back to their seats where they must replace their masks.

Leaving the Church

When leaving the church please ensure you do so promptly whilst maintaining a safe physical distance from others.

Photographs

Fr Joe has kindly asked that no photographs or videos are taken throughout the ceremony

The ceremony will be streamed live and it can be found by following this link:

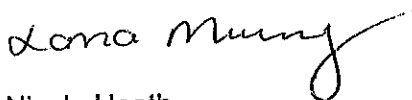
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5e48I1rSrs>. This is a perfect way for families, friends and the wider school community to enjoy and share in the celebration.

Physical distancing from other families and adults **must** be maintained at all times. We again reiterate that it is imperative that no additional guests come to the church for First Holy Communion. **The maximum number of people in your party must not exceed 4. This number includes the child making their First Holy Communion.**

If you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you on Saturday.

Yours,

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Nicola Heath
Acting Depute Head Teacher.

