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Dear Parents of Pupils in Year Five,

We hope you are all keeping safe and well after a challenging few months. We are looking forward to the summer with optimism, and after many months, we hope that the Year Five pupils will be able to celebrate their First Holy Communion at the end of this academic year.

Although it is possible that the restrictions will be lifted by July, we think it is prudent to approach the planning with caution. Therefore, it has been decided that the children will be able to make their First Holy Communion in two groups. Further plans/details will be given nearer the time, taking into account the context and situation in July. The children will be split in to two groups and are invited to make their First Holy Communion on either:

Saturday 26th June – 10am

Saturday 3rd July – 10am

If you would like to request a space on a particular date because you have prior commitments, please get in touch and we will try our best to accommodate you. Places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.

The children will complete their preparation sessions with Mrs. Stephenson in school to ensure that they are ready and confident about making their First Holy Communion. They will also spend time in the church before their Mass so they become familiar again with the environment.

If you feel like your child would benefit from more time before deciding whether to make their First Holy Communion, we completely understand and would like to invite you to get in touch to discuss your thoughts. It is understandable if some families do not feel like it is the correct time to make such an important step.

Church is currently open for worship. If you wish to attend 9.30a.m. Sunday Mass at All Saints' so you can celebrate the Eucharist together prior to the First Holy Communion Mass, please call 07514074717 Wednesday to Friday 1-3pm to book a place.

We look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of the Eucharist with your child and family so that you can cherish the very special step in your child's life.

God bless,

Fr. O' Connor

Rev. P. Smith

Mrs. F. Stephenson