



SAINT MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT

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Dear Parents,

We are all looking forward to celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation with our Primary 7 pupils on Wednesday 26th May 2021 at 12.00noon in Saint Patrick's Church. I apologise that I have not been able to write to you sooner but I have been seeking further clarity on a number of issues relating to the celebration of Confirmation.

Unfortunately, given the current situation around Covid and the restrictions imposed, our celebration is a little different from previous years, but we will do all we can to make it a very special occasion for our Primary 7s.

There are 33 children scheduled to make their Confirmation on the day and in order to be able to facilitate one whole class ceremony we are having to strictly **limit attendance to the service to immediate family only. In this particular instance this refers to anyone who lives in the same household as your Primary 7 child.** All adults and children of post primary age present at the ceremony must wear a face covering throughout the ceremony.

Unfortunately, due to space and covid-restrictions, we are unable to permit your child's nominated sponsor to attend the actual ceremony if they do not live in the same household as your Primary 7 child. Under the current circumstances a parent or older sibling should act as a proxy. This would reduce the numbers required to be present in the Church and allow families to remain in their own 'household' bubbles.

Even though a sponsor may not be physically present (ie represented by a proxy) they should be nominated in the usual way and their name recorded in the confirmation register.

Father Martin O'Hagan will be the main celebrant and he will not be joined by the Bishop.

In preparation for the receiving of this important sacrament, pupils will be attending the weekly Friday morning 9.30am mass on Friday 7th and Friday 21st May 2021, as part of their class bubble.

I plan to write out to you all again closer to the actual date of the ceremony with any further updates or information.

Yours sincerely

Mr Gilchrist
Principal
