

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April

### **Year 4 Sacraments – Reconciliation and First Holy Communion**

I write to update you on our plans with regard to our Year 4 children receiving these special sacraments this year. After meeting with Father Cownley, we have set the date of **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June** for all Year 4 children to receive **First Holy Communion**. We are hopeful that restrictions at this time will be minimal, allowing all children to receive the sacrament together at church on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am**.

We will not revert completely to the traditional model which sees a very crowded church so soon after the easing of restrictions and will instead ask that attendance at church is limited to your immediate families (maximum of 6 guests including child receiving sacrament). We will also postpone the traditional 'Communion Breakfast' until the Monday (28<sup>th</sup> June) after the event to allow the children to celebrate together in school. This will allow you all to celebrate with your wider families and friends at home, in the way you wish to immediately after the children receive the sacrament on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>.

We will invite the children to attend school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June in their Communion outfits, and the photographer will be in school on this date to take individual photos and the traditional class Communion photo. You will of course also be able to take photos at church after Mass has ended on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

Children will continue to prepare to receive these sacraments in school over the coming weeks and will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation at church during the school day on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June** – no attendance from parents and carers will be possible on this date.

As has been the case throughout this year, these dates are subject to change but we hope to now be able to prepare the children to receive these sacraments on these dates with minimal further disruption.

Should you have any further queries about any of the contents of this letter please get in touch and we will update you with additional arrangements as soon as we have them.

Best wishes,



Tom Boodell  
Principal

