



19th July, 2021

Dear parents/carers,

First Holy Communion 2021-2022

As you know our children will have had a delayed start to their First Holy Communion preparation due to COVID-19. Having spoken to Father Martin, we have put the following dates in the diary and COVID-19 allowing, we hope to prepare our children for this important sacrament in the following way.

School will take the lead and teach pupils the formalised in school sacramental preparation, alongside which Miss Elliot has also agreed to lead the parish contribution evenings after school. The Sacrament of Reconciliation for all groups will be held in school in a peaceful and informal way with Father Martin meeting small groups of children over the course of the weeks prior to the children making their First Holy Communion. If you have any specific issues or questions about your child's preparation you can speak to school or contact Father Martin directly.

I know that COVID-19 has presented challenges to us all however it will be wonderful to feel as though life is slowly returning to some level of normality by ensuring that all of our eligible pupils will have had the opportunity, by next summer, to partake in this vitally important sacrament.

We ask that you complete the attached form and return it to school by Wednesday 8th September 2021. Once all parents have confirmed that they wish their child to take part in the First Holy Communion Programme, then the dates will be allocated accordingly.

Current Year 4 Pupils

It is planned that these children will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 6th November 2021 or Saturday 20th November 2021, both days the mass time will be at 10am. For every parish led session the pupils will have a break at the end of the day and then they will return into school and Miss Elliott will lead them. The pupils will be asked to stay in school and collected at 4:30pm.

Date	Session
Tuesday 21 st September 2021	One
Thursday 23 rd September 2021	Two
Tuesday 28 th September 2021	Three
Thursday 30 th September 2021	Four
Thursday 7 th October 2021	Five
Thursday 14 th October 2021	Six
Thursday 21 st October 2021	Seven

Current Year 3 Pupils

It is planned that these children will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 14th May 2022 or Saturday 21st May 2022, both days the mass time will be at 10am. For every parish led session the pupils will have a break at the end of the day and then they will return into school and Miss Elliott will lead them. The pupils will be asked to stay in school and collected at 4:30pm.

Date	Session
Thursday 7 th April 2022	One
Tuesday 26 th April 2022	Two
Thursday 28 th April 2022	Three
Tuesday 3 rd May 2022	Four
Thursday 5 th May 2022	Five
Tuesday 10 th May 2022	Six
Thursday 12 th May 2022	Seven

I know that both school and St John Vianney Parish look forward to welcoming your child into our Catholic family.

Kind regards,

A D Thorpe

Mrs A D Thorpe
Headteacher

First Holy Communion 2021-2022 (please return by 8.09.2021)

I would like my child to take part in the sacramental First Holy Communion Programme at St John Vianney.

Child's Name: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____

Child's date and name of parish for Baptism: _____

Name of parent: _____

Signature of parent: _____