

## Updated Arrangements for First Holy Communion 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

**Please arrive using the car park entrance to the church and not the Plough and Harrow Rd entrance as the 10:30am Mass will still be in progress.**

- The children need to arrive at 11:30am and go to the upper cloister room (through the black door by the car park entrance) to get ready to process into church.  
Please do not come any earlier as there will not be space in the car park.  
Only First Communion children to go to the upper room.
- Please remember that there is a Mass at 10:30 am and this may not be finished when you arrive so please wait quietly in the courtyard area.
- At the beginning of Mass, the children will process into church and sit in the front two rows on either side with their teacher and other members of staff.
- Places are NOT reserved for families and friends. Please remember that this is a Parish Mass and therefore could be very busy.
- Please remember that you are NOT allowed to take photographs or use video cameras during the Mass.
- We will put the sash on the boys when they arrive at the Upper Cloister Rooms.
- We prefer the children not to wear gloves or carry bags or rosary beads during the Mass. Please look after them for your child during the Mass. Afterwards they can be given to your child for photographs.
- There will be members of staff to show you and your children where to go before and after the Mass.
- If the weather is warm or hot please apply sun cream to your child before coming to church.

## Corpus Christi Procession

- At the end of Mass the children will process out together and join the procession from church to school.
- Parents and families will join the procession with the congregation.
- After Benediction at school there will be refreshments served for families and friends and the photographer will be available to take individual and family photographs.
- We hope that you and your families have a very happy and holy celebration.
- Please do not hesitate to come and see Mrs Dickinson, Mrs Walsh, Mrs Zegan or Mrs Fielding if you have any queries at all.

## Additional Information

- We ask that each child contributes £5 towards the Brass Band. Many thanks to those families who have already contributed.
- During the Corpus Christi Procession your child will scatter flower petals in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Please ensure that your child brings individual petals to scatter.
- Petals can be brought to school in a carrier bag.
- Thanksgiving Mass: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30am followed by a special class celebration. Parents, carers and family members most welcome.
- If you would like to help with setting up for the First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Celebrations on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, please inform Mrs Zegan or Mrs Fielding. This would involve decorating tables and putting out party food and refreshments before the Mass from 8.50 – 9.25am in the Family Learning Room. All help is greatly appreciated!



