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**Friday, 04 September 2020**

**Dear Parents,**

**Confirmation 2020**

Thank you for your patience in waiting for a new date for your child’s Confirmation this year. As I’m sure you can imagine, it has been a priority in getting the school operational again for all the children. I know the Year 7 children have moved on to their new schools and I hope they have all settled in well. The end to their primary school years was cut short and it was very disappointing for them all. We still hope to be able to bring them back together at some stage as a group but unfortunately that is not the case just yet.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Confirmation in the parish will be celebrated over two services this year.

**Service 1: Tuesday 13th October**

**Service 2: Wednesday 14th October**

Please check the list of names attached to see which service is allocated to your child.

Both services will be in Our Lady & St Patrick’s Church at 5pm with Fr McCaughan the Celebrant.

**Important Information**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions:

* Those attending is strictly limited to Parents/Guardians x2, 1 sponsor and Child to be confirmed. **Total = 4 per family.**
* All protocols and routines due to Covid-19 must be adhered to.
* If you are able to, we would ask if you would **wear a face covering** in the chapel for the service.
* **Entrance to the chapel will be via the main doors only.**
* **Please be seated no later than 4.50 pm.**
* Each family will be in designated seats.
* An usher will guide you to your seats.
* When in the chapel you must stay in your seats at all times.
* For the sacrament of Confirmation, the children will remain in their seats.
* Fr McCaughan will come to each child to anoint them with Chrism.
* Confirmation this year will be a Service of the Sacrament of Confirmation only.
* At the end of the service, everyone is to remain seated until an usher guides you to leave.
* Please respect social distancing when entering and leaving the church.
* The car parking will be available including the school playground.
* Unfortunately, there will be no official photographer this year and no option to gather for a whole class photo.
* The children will wear their own clothes and not school uniform as would normally be the case.
* **In choosing a Confirmation name please remember that this should be the name of a saint.**

**Additional Details Required**

Details will be required prior to the service so please complete the form by clicking on the link below and submitting the information electronically.

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Thank you for your co-operation in all of this. Whilst it is not the way we would want it to be, the sacrament of Confirmation is a very important part of your child’s faith development and a very special occasion for everyone. We hope that you will still be able to enjoy it as best you can, given the circumstances.

Kind Regards

Mrs Aileen McIlroy RE Co-ordinator

Kieran O’Neill Principal