



St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy



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Dear Parents and Carers

Arrangements for First Holy Communion

As the First Holy Communion dates are fast approaching we would like to confirm the final arrangements for each day.

Timings

Children need to arrive at 9:30am promptly. Guests should be seated by 9:50am. Members of staff will greet and direct children to their places. Mass will begin at 10.00am.

Dress Code

Girls wear a white dress and their shoulders must be covered. Children should be modestly dressed and therefore **strictly** no make-up, no jewellery (except studded earrings), no nail varnish or high heels may be worn. Children cannot carry accessories including bags, rosary beads, parasols or gloves during the Mass.

Boys must wear grey school shorts or long grey trousers, a long sleeved white shirt, a red tie and red sash. They must also wear smart, sensible black shoes and plain grey socks.

All children will be given a medal to wear on the day, which they can keep as a memento. Any children who do not comply with this dress code will be unable to make their First Holy Communion that day.

Guests

To ensure close family and friends are able to sit together, we allocate each child a family bench. To help with the organisation of this we ask that you tell us how many guests (close family and friends only) you are expecting to attend the Mass. There will be a member of staff from school on your bench to help guide you through the Mass.

After the Mass

After the Mass, all children will walk over to school to have a party breakfast and celebrate together. Parents and guests are invited into school for refreshments. Children will not be finished until around 12:30pm, so we ask that you keep this in mind if you are planning a celebration later, as your child will not be able to leave early.

Thank you in advance for your kind support. Please fill in the reply slip and return it to school as soon as possible. If you have any queries, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Yours faithfully

Miss E Simmons
Assistant Headteacher

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Child: _____ Class: _____

I confirm that I have read and understood the information regarding the importance of attending Mass, the dress code for First Holy Communion and the timings.

We are expecting _____ guests to sit on our family bench.

Signed: _____ Name in print: _____

*"Journeying together with Jesus Christ
We learn to love and love to learn"*