



# The Federation of St Mary's Catholic Schools

"As the Family of Jesus, we learn and love together"



20<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear Parents

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Y4H**

Saturday 19th May at St Mary's and St John's Church 9:30 am

As the children are nearing the end of their preparations for their First Holy Communion, I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you more details about arrangements for their special day.

### **9.00 – 9:15 am:**

Children to arrive at St Mary's Infant school. Parents please leave your children with staff and go directly to the church.

### **9.25 am:**

The children will process from the school to the church with the Junior School staff.

### **9:30 am:**

Children will sit together at the front of the Church. Families will sit in allocated benches one per family. Please note space is limited within church. Benches seat approx. 6 adults. Seating plans will be allocated via a lottery with details sent home on Friday 18th May.

Girls should wear white (or cream) dresses. Veils are optional. Gloves may be worn but must be removed during communion. Boys should wear grey or black trousers and white shirts. School will provide red communion ties and sashes. Ties will be sent home with the children on Friday 18th May. Staff will dress the boys with sashes on the Saturday morning. Please could we ask that the sashes and ties are returned to school on Monday 21st May.

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May the children will complete their celebrations at our May Procession. The children should come to school in their communion attire. A professional photographer has been arranged to take pictures of the children, individually and in classes. A service will follow in St Mary's Church at 11am. The children will process from school to church leaving at 10.30am. Parents and families are welcome to join us in this whole school celebration. Following the service in Church the children will continue their celebrations back at school with a picnic during the afternoon. Normal lunch arrangements will apply. All Y4 can bring their own clothes to change into.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in preparing your child for their sacramental journey and to Mrs Bryant, our catechist for delivering the With you Always sessions in school.

If you require any further information please contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely

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RE Co-ordinator

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