Dear Parent/Guardian

 Following a meeting with Canon Ryan last night the following info is available;

 **Confirmation ceremonies proceed on Sat Aug 22nd**

**For 6th class (and 3 children in 5th who have a sibling in 6th) at 10 a.m**

**A second ceremony will take place at 12p.m for the remainder of 5th class.**

“Government Guidelines on Places of Worship” (published July 3rd) allows for a capacity of greater than 50 people where certain conditions are complied with. The church will be set up to comply with these conditions but please note the following; **seats will be allocated to each family** therefore attendees who may sit together can include Confirmation Child, Sponsor and a Max of 2 other Adults from the same family. (Please bear this seating arrangement in mind when choosing who will act as Sponsor for your child. If the Sponsor of the child needs to “socially distance” from others in the seat then the seat capacity will need to reduce to Child&Adult&Sponsor) Please also note that for a child to be confirmed only one adult is needed to accompany them, so if any family wishes to minimise their numbers attending they can do so. A parent/guardian may act as a sponsor.

Seats will be allocated to all families and a “map” will be put on our website a few days before the ceremony so that people will know where to sit. To achieve the required social distancing between seats, 3 families will be allocated seats in the “gallery”. (There will be no choir present.)

In line with public health advice, the use of face coverings is recommended.

The confirmation children will sit with their family for the ceremony and will along with their sponsor stand at allocated socially distanced “spots” at the altar for the conferring of the sacrament. The children are to hold a piece of card in front of them with their confirmation name on it as they stand at the altar. Please ensure the name is written clearly and in **large** writing. (A piece of card approx. the size of an envelope is suggested)

No photographs are to be taken in the church before or after the ceremony and you will be asked to comply with entry and exit guidelines given on the day. Seats will be sanitised between the ceremonies.

Please remember that any change in Public health advice could see changes to these arrangements.

We hope all will have an enjoyable day.