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Dear Parents,

As preparations for this year's Confirmation Ceremony are almost complete we are writing to you to ask for your help and co-operation in a very special way. You are probably aware that the children and teachers are working tirelessly at the moment to ensure that this is a very special day for your child, and for all the other children who will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit on May 2nd. Much training and attention has been given to the choir, soloists, readers and gift bearers so as to bring **reverence** and dignity to one of the great occasions in the lives of the children. Almost one hundred children will be making their Confirmation this year and each child is entitled to all the attention and dignity we can give him/her at that time. The children have been asked to remain silent and reverent during the ceremony.

To this end we request that all parents and families adhere to the following requests:

- To give good example and to assist this atmosphere we are asking the congregation to respect the silence of the church.
- We would further ask you not to use cameras, camcorders or mobile phones during the ceremony, please.
- Please have your child in the church seated with his/her class at **10.45 a.m.**
- Please note that full uniform, including black shoes, plus Confirmation sash (See below) is to be worn.
- The receiving of Confirmation is a solemn occasion therefore no cameras are to be used in the church from the start of Mass to the completion of the final hymn.
- As the ceremony will last about an hour and fifteen minutes, the focus on **reverence** at all times **by all** is hugely important.
- It is very distracting if people leave their seats and walk around the church while Bishop Drennan is administering the Sacrament of Confirmation. **Bishop Martin Drennan will make himself available to every family after the ceremony for as many photographs as you require.**
- Full uniform is to be worn to school on **Tuesday 20th May** as class photographs are being taken.
- Brothers or sisters of children being confirmed who are in choral group are to sit, in full uniform, with the choir.
- On Thursday your child will receive the school Confirmation sash which is to be worn over the school uniform at the Confirmation ceremony on Friday. Please take good care of this sash and return it to the school on Tuesday 6th.
- Accompanying this letter is a plan of the altar and church seating. Please discuss with your child where and when he/she will be standing while being confirmed. You may find the suggestion as to where the sponsors should sit, helpful also.
- With regard to parking, **please ensure** that the entry and exit roads to the **HOSPICE** on either side of the church remain clear at all times.

On this special day we offer our congratulations and good wishes to you all on reaching this important milestone in your child's life.

Thanking you for your continued co-operation and support and wishing you and your child a lovely day on Friday.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Marianne Brady
Principal