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Dear Families,

We hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well. Earlier this week, a planning session took place in relation to the First Holy Communion programme. This academic year, we would like to invite pupils in Years Four or above, who are baptised Catholic, to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

At the beginning of the Sacramental Preparation session, families are invited to attend a welcoming mass. Your attendance at this mass will indicate a willingness to engage fully with the First Holy Communion programme. If you do not feel that your child is ready or is unable to commit to the sacraments, please be assured that there is no expectation for them to make their First Holy Communion at this time. This is an introductory mass and a chance to celebrate the lives of our pupils. At the end of mass, you will be able to collect an application form and further information about the catechesis of the programme. Of course, if you have any questions or queries before then, please do not hesitate to get in touch. For now, the important dates for your diary are:

**Year Four:**

Welcome mass: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 6p.m.

Pupils lead parish mass: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30a.m. (First Sunday of Lent)

Pupils attend weekday mass and catechist session related to Reconciliation: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30a.m.

Pupils attend weekday mass and catechist session related to Reconciliation: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30a.m.

First Reconciliation: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 6p.m.

Pupils attend weekday mass and catechist session related to the Eucharist: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 9.30a.m.

Pupils attend weekday mass and catechist session related to Reconciliation: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30a.m.

First Holy Communion: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 10a.m.

Presenting of Certificates: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30a.m.

To ensure the children are fully prepared to receive the sacraments, we will hope to see your family at All Saints' or St. Teresa's mass. You are very welcome at the following: Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Teresa's, 4.15pm. Sunday Mass at All Saints', 9.30a.m.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

God bless.

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