

3rd September, 2021

To the parents/guardians of our 2020-21 Sixth Class pupils

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Just a few items for your attention regarding the Confirmation:

- The Confirmation Ceremony will take place in the Lough Church on ***Monday, September 13th at 12noon. Everyone should be seated by 11.50am.***
- **The Confirmation child can be accompanied to the ceremony by two parents/adults. One parent will sit with the Confirmation child and will be acting as the child's sponsor. The other parent/adult will be sitting in a different part of the church. As you are probably aware, the Church has to have limited numbers attending ceremonies at this present time in accordance with the Government guidelines. Very Reverend Canon Hegarty has always been very accommodating to us here in Greenmount and the school is very appreciative of this.**
- *The Confirmation child and the parent/sponsor will sit at one end of the pew in Section 1 of the Lough Church. This is the area straight in front of the altar. Please enter through the side door, nearest the Church gate. There will be two families in each pew, with a two meter distance between them.*
- *The second parent/adult should enter the Church at the main door and take the seats in Section 2. This is the area to the back of the church, at the right hand side, facing the altar. The seats are marked with stickers so you can sit safely while observing social distancing.*
- There will be staff members at each door to show people where to go.
- **The children can wear their own clothes for the Ceremony**
- **Children and adults must wear a mask in the Church**
- It is hoped that the ceremony will be live streamed so those who cannot attend can watch online. The link for the Lough Church is <https://www.churchservices.tv/thelough>
- The children will all have a mass booklet on the day to follow the ceremony and join in the prayers.

- ***Please remember that the Confirmation is a very special Sacrament, especially for the children and we would be obliged if they were not disturbed during the Ceremony. Your co-operation is requested by taking note of the Priest's instructions at the beginning of Mass. Please ensure that all mobile phones are turned off before you go into the Church.***

Thank you

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