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Dear Parents/Guardians

Our First Communion is scheduled for this Saturday, the 10th of October at 11am. In light of the continuing high levels of Covid -19 transmission in our area, the Northern Ireland Executive are expected to announce new restrictions on Thursday evening.

The new restrictions may involve all church services being moved online. This is the current situation in the Republic where current Level 3 restrictions are now in place. After consultation with Fr Tremmer we have decided the following.

If the NI Executive announce that Church services will move online, it may be enforced from midnight on Friday 9th October.

If this is announced, to enable our P5 pupils to make their First Communion, we will move the service to 8pm on Friday evening.

This is a contingency plan and may not be required. Should the executive not restrict Church services or enforce any restrictions after Saturday 10th, then we will have our original scheduled First Communion service at 11am on Saturday.

We will confirm with parents after the NI Executive make the anticipated new restrictions public on Thursday.

I appreciate that this potential change is extremely short notice but these are exceptional times and exceptional circumstances and our objective is to allow our pupils to make their Communion this week and not have any further postponement. Parents are reminded that only two adults may attend the service with the child. Adults must wear face coverings inside the church.

I again thank you for your patience and cooperation in these unprecedented times.

Yours sincerely

P.Quinn