



PREPARATION & CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DURING COVID-19 FAQ

What online/home learning resources are there available?

There is a list of recommended online resources here

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/sacraments/first-communion/

If you wish to use 'Heart Speaks to Heart' please contact the Department for Formation for the access password and to requested printed copies. If families do not have access to the internet, session PDFs could be printed and posted out to families. Schools may also have suitable home learning technology which could be used.

What happens if our Year 4 children (Year 3 cohort from last year) have not yet made their First Reconciliation/Holy Communion?

This should be discussed with the parish priest and decided locally following the latest government guidance. It may be that confessions could be heard in the school or church and first Holy Communions made in small groups with immediate family only at the parish weekday/weekend Masses.

If we are running First Holy Communion preparation as a school should we be running parent/carer preparation sessions?

Where possible, family catechesis should be encouraged however if sessions are provided just in the school good links with the parish and home should be maintained. Schools could send out the parents' videos from the diocesan website to parents/carers or provide an information session. The videos are available here and could be put on the school website/social media or sent out by text/email

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/sacraments/parents-videos/

How can we communicate with families during this time?

You may wish to host an online video information session for families using Zoom/MS Teams or similar. A guide for setting this up can be found here

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/USING-ZOOM-FOR-CATECHESIS-GUIDE-1.pdf>. Children must be accompanied by a parent on video calls with only their first name visible. Sessions must not be recorded. A group of families could be allocated to

different catechists who send out resources to families and check in and accompany them regularly. An official parish/diocesan email address and phone should be used.

Where can I find more Safeguarding and Communication guidance?

All the latest documents can be downloaded from

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/sacraments/first-communion/>

How can I keep in touch?

Join on the private Facebook group – search 'Catechists in Salford Diocese' on Facebook, email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or call 07741 147 496.