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Dear Parent/carer,

With our P7 class very much looking forward to making the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 13th April, please find below some details as clarified by Fr Kelly, PP;

When/where/who?

Our P7s will receive the sacrament at St. Patricks Church, along with the pupils from St. Canice's Dungiven, St. John's Dernaflaw and St. Mary's Gortnahey. The ceremony will take place on Sat. 13th April at 11am (pupils must be seated by 10.40am. Early arrival is advised). Bishop Donal Mc Keown will administer the sacrament.

Who can attend/where will we sit?

As P7s from all 4 Catholic Primary Schools in the parish are being Confirmed in this ceremony, space will be limited. Seats will be reserved for P7 pupils and their sponsors only. These will take up the majority of seats by the central isle. Other family members who want to attend should sit in the sides of the chapel (or at the back if available) but please plan to arrive early as these will be allocated on 'first come, first served' basis (for context, in previous years, the chapel was almost full 1 hour before beginning of ceremony).

What about photographs?

After the sacrament, a class photograph will be taken on the altar with Bishop Mc Keown. If you would like a family photograph, Mary K. Burke will be set up in the hall in St. Canice's P.S. after the ceremony (refreshments will be served).

What should my daughter/son wear?

Pupils of all four schools will wear their school uniform to the ceremony.

Practice arrangements:

Our P7s will go to the church to rehearse along with the other schools on Thurs. 11th April. Pupils will know where to sit etc after this rehearsal. Seats are reserved for sponsors on the day, school staff will assist with this.

Non-uniform Day!

To assist with preparing uniforms for Saturday, Friday will be a non-uniform day for our P7 Class!

I hope this will allow you to prepare for the 'big day', please get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kealey

Principal

Small enough to care, Big enough to inspire