



Church of the Immaculate Conception, Strabane

Dear Parents/ Carers of Year 5 B,

Due to the fact that there has been positive cases for Covid 19 identified just this week in Year 5 B (Mrs Gormley's Class) and also due to the very serious and dramatic increase in Covid-19 infections in the Strabane Area, I have taken a decision to postpone the Holy Communion Ceremony for Year 5 B to Saturday 2nd October at 11am in The Church of the Immaculate Conception.

The other Year 5 Class can go ahead as planned pending no further positive cases are identified. As you may appreciate, I cannot mix the bubble groups and I have a restriction on how many pupils and family members can be present in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at any given time as per my Risk Assessment Guidelines.

This decision is necessary to try to minimise the risk of the spread of the virus and also to ensure that all of the pupils themselves and immediate family of Year 5 B get a chance to recover and be able to attend on the new date.

I have not taken this decision lightly and I know that there will be disappointment and disruption to plans but given the present evolving situation, there was absolutely no alternative.

I hope that parents and families will fully understand and appreciate the extraordinary circumstances that we are now all facing.

Blessings,

Fr. Declan Boland P.P.