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Dear Parents and Guardians,

After last night's celebration of the Sacrament of Penance, we can now look forward to Saturday 26th September, when your children will celebrate their First Holy Communion.

In keeping with the guidelines, we are restricting numbers in the church to the immediate family of each child i.e. parents/guardians and siblings only. The mass will be live streamed and can be viewed on <https://churchmedia.tv/camera/church-of-the-immaculate-conception-kilkerley> for grandparents and other family members not in attendance. We ask you to adhere to the government guidelines re: physical distancing before, during and after the ceremony.

It is recommended that all adults and children over 13 years wear a face covering. Each family has a designated seat as per First Penance. In the interest of safety for all, we ask that everyone remain seated in their assigned seat throughout the ceremony. Ushers will be available to guide movement for distribution of Communion.

Brian Donnelly will be present to take photos during the ceremony. As happened in previous years, we hope to have a class photo. However this year, weather permitting, Brian plans on taking this group photo outdoors.

As in previous years, we ask that there will be no distribution of cards on the day. Your child will receive a card signed by all of the pupils in their class, organised by their teacher.

As you are aware, Co. Louth is potentially facing increased restrictions. With this in mind, we are hopeful that we will be able to proceed with our First Holy Communion Ceremony as planned. However we ask families to be mindful of the implications of gatherings at home following the ceremony with regards to the risk of contracting and spreading Covid-19. We appreciate the work that parents and the school community has put into keeping the school open and safe for our pupils, staff and their families in these very uncertain times.

You and your children have waited patiently for this day and we hope that it will be a joyful occasion to remember in its own unique way.

Le deaghúí,

Donna Kirby

Principal