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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

First of all I sincerely hope that you and your families are keeping well in these strange and difficult times.

I would have normally been in contact with you back in September, now that your child is in Year 3, to invite your children to take part in our Sacramental Programme and prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. The Pandemic changed all of that due to the uncertainty of what we could do, and not do, with everything else that is going on.

So I am writing now to invite you, if you wish, to present your child for the sacraments of Initiation.

Because of present restrictions, most of the preparation will this year be done through school who have so generously offered to help out even more than usual, whereas normally this would be done through the parish, the school and the family all working together. The children will begin their preparation after Easter and will then make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, in the Autumn. Dates to be arranged. Hopefully, as restrictions are eased or lifted, I and the Catechists can become more involved, and the children can start to come to Mass each weekend. Preparation will be over a shorter period of time than usual.

If you would like your child to take part in preparing for the sacraments, then I will need proof of them having been baptised in a Roman Catholic Church. Please can you send a copy into school as soon as possible.

I wanted to contact you to let you know that things will obviously be different this year to what they would normally be, and also to let you know that I have not forgotten you. Both the school and myself will keep you well informed as to what is going on over the next few months.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

God bless,

Fr. Paul.