

PCC POLICY

Christian Initiation for children : First Communion & Confirmation

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Next Review Due – 2021

We shall keep an up to date database of families who have children baptised at St Nicolas', together with those currently involved to any degree in our life as a worshipping community.

We shall then endeavour to keep in touch with them, sending details of all children's activities and other special events through the year, e.g. through FACEBOOK and Social Media.

Those in our Ministry Team involved in children's work will ensure that families know that children can be admitted to Communion before Confirmation. The child will be fully included in the decision.

The PCC will then support the Incumbent in the decision which is agreed upon by the family.

Children will be prepared for First Holy Communion by using the best available material for the candidate(s) concerned. The course would be from three to six months duration and would be expected to include the family's full support and involvement, also with that of MESSY CHURCH/ Children's Church and school when appropriate.

Seven is the minimum age for First Communion in our diocese.

The First Communion will be a celebration for the whole church community to participate in at the main Sunday Eucharist. A personal Certificate of Admission will be designed in our church office for each child admitted to First Communion.

A record of all those admitted to Communion before Confirmation will be kept in the Confirmation Register.

A future date for Confirmation will be agreed with the child and family *before* First Communion and the preparation will then continue after First Communion.

The minimum age for Confirmation in our diocese is normally twelve.