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Friday 5th April

Head Teacher: Mr M. Mountcastle

Dear Parents/Carers of Children in Year 6

Confirmation

As you know the current Year 6 is the first year where the children did not make their confirmation in Year 3. After lots of discussion the Bishop has decided on the attached programme which will take place over two years with the children being confirmed in Year 8. Please read the attached carefully and then return the register of interest form to school by **Monday 22**nd **April**.

Social Media

It has come to my attention that social media is being used inappropriately between and by the children outside school. This can cause great upset and distress and I urge you to check phones etc for content on sites such as WhatsApp, Facebook and other messaging platforms used by the children. There have been particular incidents on WhatsApp.

I am conscious that what happens at home should be separate from school but when the repercussions of such content directly impacts on the children or school I feel compelled to become involved.

The children have been spoken to at length, particularly about how a comment/message can be permanent and the damage great. The difference between this and a conversation, which is immediately forgotten, can be huge. If this message can be reinforced at home it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much for your support and understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely

M Mountcastle







DIOCESE OF SALFORD

Wardley Hall, Wardley Hall Road, Worsley, M28 2ND



Dear

Your journey in Faith is a precious and wonderful gift which began at your Baptism. On that day you were welcomed into the Church, becoming a follower of Jesus Christ.

This journey continued with your sacramental programme which led to you receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to continue this journey.

The first disciples knew they needed the accompaniment of Jesus Christ to proclaim the gospel and to be truly missionary disciples. In his goodness, God gave them the Gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in order to do this.

Today we can still receive this Gift through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I am personally inviting you to prepare to receive this gift along with your friends which will begin with a gathering on Saturday 15th June 2019 10 – 2pm at the Victoria Hall, 37 Knowsley St, Bolton, BL1 2AS.

At this gathering, like the first disciples, we will learn that our Faith in Jesus Christ is something to be shared not just in our words but through our actions.

I hope you will take this opportunity to grow in your Faith and I look forward to journeying with you as you prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In order to book your place for the initial gathering in June, can I please ask your parent/carer to return the enclosed form to your teacher?

Following this, more information will be sent to your parent/carer.

If they or you have any questions, please ask them to email the Department For Formation at: E: Confirmation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

With my best wishes,

+John Arnold Bishop of Salford



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - FORMING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Overview Timeline

15th June 2019 - Gathering for Year 6 Pupils

Introduction into the Sacrament of Confirmation
Introduction to Missionary Discipleship
Launch of the Faith in Action Pin Level – The Discovery Award
At the Pin level, the young people will begin a journey of discovering what it means for faith to be active.

September 2019 - July 2020 (Year 7) RETREAT DAYS ACCOMPANYING THE YOUNG PEOPLE ON THEIR FAITH JOURNEY September 2019 – July 2020 (Year 7) Day 1: Who is God? FAITH IN ACTION - BRONZE AWARD Day 2: What is Prayer? 35 Credits (20 Parish/Community & 15 Day 3: The Church, The Body of Christ School) SERVICE The young people at this level, take Summer 2020 the initial steps in responding to their faith by way of serving others. **CONFIRMATION CAMP** Responsibility/ Stewardship/ God's Creation September 2020 - July 2021 (Year 8) September 2020 - April 2021 (Year 8) FAITH IN ACTION - SILVER AWARD **CONFIRMATION 12 SESSION** 60 Credits (45 Parish/Community & 15 PREPARATION PROGRAMME School) (Parishes/Deaneries) **LEADERSHIP** The Silver Level encourages a maturity of faith which is expressed in terms of Easter 2021 leadership and initiative. SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (Around the Diocese) September 2021 – July 2022 (Year 9+) Summer 2021 FAITH IN ACTION - GOLD AWARD Opportunity for 100 Credits LOURDES/Experience of (75 Parish/Community & 25 School) Pilgrimage **INNOVATION** The essence of the Gold Award is September 2021 & Beyond found in the participant's desire to develop and establish new ideas in ONGOING FORMATION/POST terms of outreach and missionary work CONFIRMATION on behalf of the Church community. Leadership Programme

www.faithinactionaward.co.uk/

Mentoring Programme Retreat Days

Parish Leadership Role



Department For Formation

Sacrament of Confirmation – Forming Missionary Disciples

Saturday 15th June 2019 Victoria Hall, 37 Knowsley St, Bolton, BL1 2AS

Register of Interest

Name of Child: _	Tagainer of Invertor
School:	
Parish:	
Name of Parents/0	Carers:
I consent to my chi	ild taking part in the gathering on Saturday 15 th June 2019:
Signature of Parent	:/Carer:
	lease note, the email address(es) will be used solely for receiving all the Confirmation programme. Further information will be sent to these
Email 1:	
Email 2:	
Please return this fe	form to your class teacher <u>BEFORE MONDAY 22nd APRIL 2019.</u>
School information o	nly: Please return to confirmation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or:
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