**Fequently Asked Questions regarding S1 Confirmations 20/21**

Due to the closure of schools from March to August 2020 amid the Covid 19 pandemic, a number of Primary 7 pupils had their Confirmations postponed and will now be confirmed in S1

* For these Confirmations, Bishop Toal will delegate these confirmations to the parish priest. Parish priests should contact the bishop to request that this duty be conferred to them
* The Sacrament of Confirmation is equally valid regardless of whether pupils are confirmed by the bishop or by the parish priest
* The date for these Confirmations will be decided by the parish priest in consultation with the secondary school
* Numbers attending will be guided by the current government guidelines
* Many pupils will have undertaken preparation at primary school using the Diocesan Family workbooks. These, if available can be used for consolidation
* Preparation of the Confirmandi will be undertaken by the RE department of the secondary school
* Lists of pupils to be Confirmed will be shared by the associated primary school
* Resources to continue Confirmation preparation can be found at <https://www.rcdom.org.uk/s1-confirmation-resources>
* These resources include power points for school-based learning (can be used over 2 or 3 RE periods) and complementary online home learning resources
* Bishop Toal has given permission for sponsors to be a parent or older sibling from the same household
* It is Bishop Toal’s preference that boys should choose a male saint for their Confirmation name and girls choose a female saint.
* The current Confimation Guideline give further information, in particular regarding specific guidelines for Covid 19 restrictions

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