

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Sacramental Programme - First Reconciliation

I am writing on behalf of Father Julian to give you details of the programme for **Reconciliation** this year. Fr Julian will be leading a short information session for parents on **Wednesday 14th October. This will begin at 6pm with Mass followed by the short information session for parents at 6.30pm** at St. Joseph's Church, Goldenhill.

Once again this year, the children will be prepared to receive the sacraments during after school sessions in school. The sessions will be led by Mr Smith and will take place every Thursday (these will start after October half term) from 3.20pm – 4.15pm.

Children must prepare for, and receive, the Sacrament of Reconciliation before they are able to receive First Holy Communion (prepared for and taken in Y4).

Children should attend all sessions although we understand that there may be rare occasions when this is not possible e.g. illness. During the session, Mr Smith will teach the children and children will be expected to share their learning and complete activities in their book at home with their family. There is also an expectation that the children attend Mass regularly at the weekend with their family. There is a cost of £10 for the sacramental books for the children to record their learning in.

Children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at a special service at St. Joseph's Church on Wednesday 24th February 6.00pm.

I would be grateful if you could complete the sign up on Arbor to indicate that you wish your child to prepare for and receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Rigby
Principal