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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I have been approached by parents and asked if I could arrange a series of Confirmation Classes in the coming weeks over ZOOM. Of course the answer is that I'd be delighted to prepare any children who are interested (this must be their decision with no pressure from parents!) in taking this step on their Christian journey.

Baptism and Confirmation went together in the early Church and became separate celebrations for practical and pragmatic reasons. It is of course wonderful for those who were baptised as babies to be able to renew the same baptismal promises when they are old enough and kneel before the Bishop who lays hands upon them and prays for the gift of the Holy Spirit. As we are all aware, we cannot yet know when Churches will be open nor when physical proximity will be permitted – so no dates for Confirmation can yet be set. However, there is no reason not to begin preparation for when the time is ripe.

If you are interested in finding out more please email me at the address above, and I will organise an introductory session on Zoom to outline what is involved and answer questions. The timings will be subject to what is most convenient for the majority but my suggestion for an initial meeting would be say 5pm or 5.30pm on a Thursday evening.

With fond good wishes and my prayers for blessings of hope and resilience and confidence in the love and purposes of God,

Fr Roderick Leece