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Dear Parents,

The main focus of this week's message is to wish our Primary Seven pupils and their families our very best wishes as they will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** today.

They have prepared well and are looking forward to taking the next step in their Faith development. We pray that the sacrament itself will be a meaningful experience for them and that they will make the most of the gifts of the Holy Spirit as they move through the remainder of P7 and their post primary years.

*Please remember these children in your prayers.*

On a different note, parents have asked about **Summer Uniform**. These can be worn throughout term 3. I remind parents that the girls' summer uniform is **the striped dress only**, not checked. Boys are able to wear navy dress shorts and school shirt ( not PE top) **without the tie**.

Again in line with mitigations, if your child is wearing summer uniform it is for **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** whilst tracksuit continues to be worn on Tuesday and Thursday.

On 28th April incoming pupils for next year will receive notification via EA portal re the school in which they have gained a place. If it is in St Clare's Abbey, we will follow that with a letter, providing further information. If you are in this position and have not received a letter by next Friday check the EA portal and contact our school office on 02830262175.

**As restrictions are lifted in the community DE has advised schools that it is important to maintain their mitigations.** We have all worked so hard on these in St Clare's Abbey, so I ask you to bear with us for the next while, even though we would all love to see the end of these in school and elsewhere, no one more than myself! However, we have had very few cases of Covid within our school and we would like to do all in our remit to ensure that this remains the case, until the end of this academic year.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend filled with beautiful weather, hopefully.

With kind regards,

Mrs Monaghan.