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Dear Parents,

Our P7 pupils had a really lovely Sacramental evening last Friday and I wish to thank all family members for participating in the Liturgy so well, it sounded as if the church was packed, when in actual fact it was the smallest congregation we have ever had at Confirmation. We would love if you could send some photographs to the school website on stclaresabbey@gmail.com

I ask parents to respect the dismissal times that have been allocated to their child's class. They have all been planned out at 5 minute intervals to reduce crowding and if parents come to collect their children early or late it has a knock on effect.

I also wish to inform parents that we are working on a new plan for granting access to the school grounds at home time. *This will require pre registration of vehicles and access will be facilitated only if certain criteria are met.* I had hoped to avoid this, although many other schools have had such a system in place for some time, but it is now necessary to proceed with this as we have too many cars coming into school and parking each day, blocking access for buses etc. Details will follow after the May bank holiday break.

I have been asked to remind parents about keeping footpaths outside school unblocked by cars. There are huge safety implications for mothers having to walk on the road with prams.

I apologise for the tone of this message but if everyone works together we can hopefully manage these difficulties.

On a different note, we issued our Nursery and P1 acceptance letters for September 2021 on Wednesday, we look forward to welcoming all our new pupils and if you have not received a letter for your child and believe that you should have, please contact me.

Thank you in anticipation of your support,

Mrs Monaghan