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**Parish Application Form**

Admission of Baptised Children to Holy Communion before Confirmation

Please complete all the details below. If completing electronically, please click in the relevant check box to select. For assistance in completing this form or if you have any questions please contact [childrenandfamilies@elydiocese.org](mailto:childrenandfamilies@elydiocese.org?subject=Admission%20of%20Baptised%20Children%20to%20Holy%20Communion%20before%20Communion).

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| **Parish** |  |
| **Deanery** |  |
| **Incumbent** |  |

**Consultation and Resolution**

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| Has the PCC discussed this subject fully? | Yes  No |
| Has the wider congregation been consulted? | Yes No |
| Has any LEP (‘local ecumenical partnership’) or other churches within the Benefice been consulted? | Yes  No  N/A |
| What other guidance or advice has been sought, if any? | Details:  N/A |
| Has a PCC resolution and policy been passed by the PCC confirming that the Parish wishes to admit children to Holy Communion prior to Confirmation? | Yes  No  Date: ­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Has a regular review date for the policy been identified? | Yes  No |

**Preparation & Practical Arrangements**

We have identified and organised the materials for preparing children for admission to Holy Communion.

We have leaders in place to deliver the preparation course and they have been appropriately trained.

We have discussed how parents/guardians will be involved in the preparation of their children for Holy Communion.

We have put in place support and provision for children and their families where parents or carers do not wish for their children to be admitted to Holy Communion.

We will ensure that provisions are made for children with additional needs who wish to receive Holy Communion.

We will ensure that appropriate support is put in place for children who come to church without their responsible adult.

We are committed to ensuring the continued nurturing and discipleship of all children towards Confirmation.

We will issue Certificates of Admission to Holy Communion and keep a register of all those admitted.

**Safeguarding\***

We have a Parish Safeguarding Policy in place that is regularly reviewed.

All those involved in preparing children for admission to Holy Communion have the appropriate DBS and safeguarding training in place.

All those involved in preparing children for admission to Holy Communion have been safely recruited and have a relevant role description.

\* Please consult your Parish Safeguarding Officer to ensure that all relevant safer recruitment, safeguarding and training is in place.

**Application**

The parish has agreed, in accordance with the Admission of Baptised Children to Holy Communion Regulation 2006, to offer Holy Communion to children who have not yet been Confirmed, provided that:

* The child has been baptised.
* A person having parental responsibility for the child is content that they should be so admitted
* Children to be admitted will take part in a suitable preparation course which forms part of a continuing programme of nurture and discipleship towards Confirmation and beyond.
* A register is kept of all children admitted to Holy Communion under these Regulations.

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| Signed (Incumbent) |  |  |
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| Date |  |  |

**Completed Parish Application Form**

Please send your completed application form to the Bishop’s Chaplain: [bishops.chaplain@elydiocese.org](mailto:bishops.chaplain@elydiocese.org?subject=Parish%20Application%20to%20Admit%20Children%20to%20Holy%20Communion%20prior%20to%20Confirmation). The Bishop’s Chaplain will confirm whether your application has been successful or whether any further information is required. Children may not be admitted to Holy Communion prior to Confirmation until your application has been granted.