

**THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART**

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2023/2024**

**APPLICATION FORM**

**[For those entering Year 3-4 of Primary School in September 2023]**

The First Holy Communion Programme will begin in October 2023 and continue through until July 2024 (FHC Celebration Mass will be in June 2024). There will be a programme of meetings for both the children and for the parents/guardians. The exact details of the programme, including dates, will be made available to you once you have registered via this form.

The Programme is open to all children who are entering Year 3-4 of Primary School in September 2023. Most children will already have been Baptised, but if this is not the case then appropriate arrangements can be made within the programme.

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**Please complete this form in BLOCK CAPITALS and return to the Parish Office by Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023.** (Please note: we have limited spaces. Any late applications, may not be considered for this year's programme.)

**First Name of Child:** ..... **Surname:** .....  
(as you would like it to appear on the First Communion Certificate)

**Name of child they would like to be known by during sessions** .....

**Date of Birth:** .....

**School and Year Group (from September 2023):** .....

**Has your child been Baptised? Yes/No**

**Church of Baptism and Date:** .....  
(Please provide a photocopy of their Baptism Certificate)

**Contact details:**

**Parent/Guardian 1 (First name, surname, and religion):** .....

**Relationship to the Child:** .....

**Parent/Guardian 2 (First name, surname, and religion):** .....

**Relationship to the Child:** .....

**Address:** .....

**Home telephone no.** ..... **Mobile** .....

**Email:** .....

**Please state why you would like your child to receive their First Holy Communion.**

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**Which Mass do you attend regularly?** .....

By completing this form, you give us permission to hold and process your personal information for particular purposes. For further information about how we process your data, see the privacy notice on our website.

We are delighted that you have decided to enroll your child to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion at the Sacred Heart. We will work hard to ensure that you, as parents/guardians, feel involved in your parish and that your child is well prepared to receive these Sacraments.

**ATTENDANCE:** To ensure proper preparation we ask you to commit to your child attending all the programmed sessions. This includes Parent/Guardian Sessions to which we ask you to commit to attending. These sessions will happen on **SATURDAY MORNINGS**, once a month.

Obviously, there will be unforeseen circumstances which may not be possible for your child to attend on a particular day. Please let Canon Colin or Cassie Jouceand (Pastoral Assistant) know in good time. We hope that your child will not miss any of the sessions, but if more than 2 sessions are missed this will mean your child will not be able to continue the programme.

**SUNDAY MASS:** We hope that you will see attending the weekly Family Mass (9.30am) is an integral part of the preparation. Attendance is essential on those weekends marked on the programme as these Masses will actively involve all the FHC children in the celebration of those Masses.

To ensure your commitment, safety, and wellbeing of your child during the programme, please complete the attached Parental/Guardianship Consent Form, and return it alongside your application form.

Thank You!  
Canon Colin Wolczak and the Catechists.

## Parental/Guardianship Consent Form

### First Holy Communion Programme at Sacred Heart Church, Hove

#### Child's Details

Child's full name	
Date of Birth	

#### Nature of Event/Activity

Description	First Holy Communion
Date	Saturdays and Sundays
Time	9.15am - 11.00am (Saturday) 9.30am-10.30am (Sunday)

#### Emergency contact details

Full name of parent/carer	
Relationship to child	
Daytime contact number	
Evening contact number	
Mobile number	
Do you have parental responsibility for the child?	
If not, name and contact details for the person with parental responsibility	

#### Code of Conduct (please write yes or no after each statement)

I understand that leaders and helpers will be expected to adhere to the code of conduct.	
I acknowledge the need for my child to behave responsibly and will ensure that this expectation to behave in accordance with the code of conduct for young people is fully understood by my child.	

(The code of conduct can be read in full in the Church Sacristy and in the Parish Room)

### Medical information/allergies

Please inform us of any medical information or allergies that we may need to know about.	
Does your child have any special/particular needs that we should be aware of to look after them safely?  *Please note, you may speak with the group leader about the special need rather than commit to paper if you prefer.	

### Live-Streaming

Do you give permission for your child to be featured in the live-streaming service?	<b>Yes or No</b> (Please Circle)
Would your child like to Read at the First Holy Communion Sunday Masses?	<b>Yes or No</b> (Please Circle)

We have read the above and are happy and willing to enroll our child and will do all that we can to ensure full and active attendance and participation throughout the Programme. We understand that there are several sessions which we, as parents/guardians, are expected to attend.

We will pay our £20 contribution (per family) towards the costs of the Programme (Folders, Worksheets, Prayer Table Items/Gifts etc.) *If the £20 fee is not affordable, please approach Canon Colin or a Catechist to discuss.*

### Statement of consent

I give express consent for my child, as named above, to participate in the activities detailed in this form.

Signature	
Parent/Carers full names:	
Date	