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Dear Parents & Carers,

RE: CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES AT THE KING'S SCHOOL

Every year, we hold Confirmation Classes in school for those young people who wish to be confirmed in the Church of England. The service of Confirmation in Peterborough Diocese takes place at Peterborough Cathedral on Easter Eve as part of the Vigil service for Easter. This year, that service will take place on **Saturday 15 April 2017 at 8pm** and I will be running Confirmation Preparation Classes in school next term beginning round about the middle of January. These classes are open to anyone wishing to explore their Christian faith and to be guided on their journey with a view to being confirmed at the end of the process. However, some young people do join the classes and then decide they are not ready to take that step and subsequently withdraw. This is perfectly acceptable and I would like to encourage any young person to come along and explore their faith journey. However, it is usual that students in **Year 7 or above** are confirmed and, because the classes take place in lunchtimes at school, it is difficult for students in the Junior Department to attend and therefore, regretfully, I am not able to offer these classes to members of the Junior Department.

The classes will take place in school at lunchtimes and there will be **6-8 sessions in total**. In previous years, there have been students who live in Ely diocese who have, for a number of reasons, wanted to attend preparation classes in school rather than in their parishes. Some of these students have then been confirmed at Peterborough whilst some have gone on to be confirmed at Ely Cathedral at the Pentecost Praise service, which is on **4 June 2017**. This year, we will be working with a Benefice in Ely Diocese to provide an overlap 'Away Day' to develop the preparation we will be doing in school and to provide those students who live in Ely diocese the opportunity to meet other young people who wish to be confirmed in the Ely Diocese. We hope that we can also invite the parish clergy of the churches where the candidates worship to this Away Day. This day will take place on **Saturday 1 April and will be at Little Gidding in the North Leightonstone Benefice in Ely Diocese**. The Reverend Mary Jepp is Rector of the Benefice and will be leading the day alongside myself.

If your son or daughter is interested in being confirmed and taking classes in school then please email me at flaherty.m@kings.peterborough.sch.uk. It would be helpful to know the name and age of your son/daughter, their worshipping parish and whether they are thinking about being confirmed in Peterborough or Ely. Please could you also indicate their availability to attend the Away Day? If you have any further questions, I am happy to answer them. Please email me or telephone me on 01733 751541 ext. 379.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Reverend Mandy Flaherty
School Chaplain

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