



Ryecroft C.E. Middle School

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Dear Parents / Carers

Communion in School

I am very pleased to be working with Ryecroft to introduce Holy Communion to both the pupils and Staff. Holy Communion happens in many church schools and it adds to the experience of the pupils and enables them to explore faith for themselves, as they grow and mature.

I will proceed in line with the Church of England rules and laws, which state that children must be baptised (christened) before being admitted to Communion and even then only after careful preparation. In the past, anyone who wished to receive communion in the Church of England had to have been Confirmed. This requirement has now been relaxed, so that children can experience being fully involved in worship without the pressure of making a more adult commitment, when they are perhaps still too young for that step.

Preparation is being done in three assemblies for the whole school. On Tuesday 15th October, I will teach the children about the Holy Communion service, explaining to pupils exactly what happens and why. I will do an extra session in a small group for any pupils who wish to be admitted to receive Holy Communion. If any pupil wishes to receive communion, but has not been baptised / christened, then I am willing to discuss that with them and prepare them for baptism at one of my churches. If you live in another parish, then you should ask your own minister.

As there are pupils from various church backgrounds attending, I am happy to accept parental permission for their child to receive communion in school, if they already receive communion at a church according to that church's policy and practice.

If you would like further information, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Revd Liz Jones

Reverend L Jones
The Dove and Churnet Benefice
Rocester, Denstone & Croxden with Hollington Parishes

Yours sincerely

Headteacher

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