

Catholic Education Group

Enrolment Policy for Catholic Sacramental Preparation Classes

Children who do not receive Faith Formation Instruction in their primary school, ex Educate Together Primary Schools or other Multi-Denominational schools, may be enrolled and attend the Catholic Sacramental Preparation Classes (religion classes) once they have started in 1st class, or higher.

Children from non-Catholic traditions are welcome to attend the classes. However, only baptised children can go on to receive the sacraments.

- Children must be enrolled by completed application form emailed to - catholicedgroup@gmail.com .
- One parent/guardian can enrol a child but must acknowledge as part of that enrolment that it is their responsibility to inform any other parent/guardian of the enrolment.
- The parent/guardian is responsible for getting the child to and from their religion class in a timely manner. These classes are not a school activity.
- All those enrolled will receive detailed information of class times, costs etc. by the September in which the classes start.
- Children must attend 2 years of instruction before receiving the Sacraments, in line with the policy of the Dublin Diocese.
- Late enrolments – children need to start the classes by October at the latest, to be included in that year group. If not, they will have to wait until the following year.
- Children usually attend during 1st and 2nd class for Communion preparation and 5th and 6th class for Confirmation preparation but children from any class, excluding Junior or Senior Infants, or who move from areas/countries where different age norms apply are welcome to attend the classes, once the 2 year minimum preparation is maintained. I.E. a child in 2nd class can start the Communion classes and attend across 2nd and 3rd class, receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist at the end of 3rd class.