**The Catholic Parish of East Grinstead**

*St Bernard, Lingfield and Our Lady & St Peter, East Grinstead*

 **Confirmation Preparation 2023 – Information & initial interest sheet v2**

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| Young people in Year 10 and above are warmly invited to join us at **3:30pm on Sun 15th Jan** at St Bernard’s Hall, Lingfield to find out about this year’s Confirmation Preparation Programme in our parish. It would be helpful to know you are aiming to come, so please give us your details below.**Note**: A key purpose of the Preparation Programme is to enable our young people to find out more about Confirmation. By participating in the programme they are showing a willingness to explore this, but doing so does not commit them to being confirmed. The programme enables more informed decisions on that later. **Please return your sheet by email to** **confegparish@outlook.com** **e.g. a photo of it on your phone, or email the information.** |

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| Young person’s Full Name |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| Address **including post code** |  |
| Landline number |  |
| Parent/carer mobile number(s) |  |
| Parent/carer email address  |  |
| Young person email address (if parent agrees)  |  |
| School and year |  |
| Date & place of Baptism (church, plus town and country, unless local) |  |
| Signature of young person  |  |
| Signature of parent/carer  |  |

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| Any additional information you’d like us to be aware of, for example particular needs. (Will be kept confidential) | [Let us know if you would prefer to speak to a catechist about this.] |

**Please also let us have a photo of the young person.** The photos will be displayed together in church, with a list of Christian names only, and the names not linked to the individual photos. Digital photos preferred - can be emailed to us (email below). [The photo you give us can include other people – we would use only their head and shoulders part of the photo.]

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| **Confirmation Preparation Programme Dates** A schedule of session dates will be available at the initial meeting, but here are some key dates to note:* **Sun 15 Jan 23 3:30 - 5:45pm**: Information / Introduction meeting of young people.
* **Tue 17 Jan 8 – 9.15pm**: Opportunity for parents & carers to find out more about the Confirmation programme.
* **5pm Fri 28th - 2.30pm Sun 30th Apr:** Weekend Away for the young people at Worth Abbey. This weekend is a key and popular event in our preparation programme. All young people should plan to attend.
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If you have any enquiries, please email confEGparish@outlook.com and one of the catechist team will contact you. [NB. Our catechists work with Fr Jack on the programme and are checked in accordance with Diocesan safeguarding procedures.]

We would also like to use emails to inform you of other matters relevant to young people and the church. Please tick if OK:

***PRIVACY STATEMENT***

*We will use the data you provide solely for the purposes of processing the application for the young person to undertake preparation for Confirmation, to support your application and administer the Confirmation Preparation Programme. Any health or educational needs information you may provide may be used to make reasonable adjustments to the programme for the young person’s safety and that of others. We will need to keep in touch on arrangements related to the programme and this is usually via the parent’s/carer’s email address (and the young person’s if provided). Parents’/carers’ telephone numbers might also be used when appropriate, for calls and/or messages. Photos are sometimes taken of group activities. We would inform you of plans to share photos outside the group. In that context we often use a few photos for a Parish Magazine article. If the young person does not want to be in photos, please let us know. Please ensure you have signed above to confirm acceptance of this Privacy Statement.*