

How to apply for permission for children to receive communion before confirmation in your parish

1. Contact the Adviser for Work with Children and Families, Barbara Meardon, in the first instance. She will be available for support and advice through the whole process. [Click here](#) to email her.
2. Enable a substantial discussion at PCC, perhaps using an outside speaker.
3. Allow plenty of time for discussion, reflection and prayer, involving children's leaders and the whole congregation.
4. Move to a PCC decision.
5. Prepare a teaching programme for children and their parents, as well as a programme of continuing learning for the children after admission including a planned approach to confirmation.
6. Consider the implications for your pattern of services, the liturgy, the participation of all ages and your baptism policy and preparation.
7. Communicate with the Diocesan Adviser and, once she has agreed that you have gone through steps 1-6, write to the Bishop asking for permission to admit children to Holy Communion before Confirmation.
8. Plan a date on which to admit the children, and deliver your preparation sessions.
9. Plan the service at which admission will take place for the first time.
10. Record the children's names in a register.
11. Give each child a certificate as an official record ([available here](#)).