1405. For parishes making a re-application

Diocese of Rochester

## *Admission of Baptised Children to Holy Communion before Confirmation*

***Re-application Form for parishes who received the bishop’s permission before June 2006 and have not re-applied since then***

## Parish

## Deanery

## Incumbent/ Priest in charge

Please answer the following questions as fully as is possible.

## Consultation

1. Has the PCC discussed this re-application in the light of the Regulations?
2. How has the wider congregation (including any LEP established under Canon B44 and other participating churches) been involved in the discussion?
3. Has there been an open meeting or other opportunity for the congregation to re-visit this subject?
4. What guidance has been received from the Bishop’s Advisory Group or other colleagues?

## Preparation

1. How will the preparation of the children for Holy Communion be organised?
2. Who will lead the preparation?
3. What teaching materials will be used?
4. How will the children’s nurture continue after they have been admitted to Holy Communion?

##  C. Pastoral Matters

1. How will parents or other family members be involved in the preparation of their children for Holy Communion?
2. What strategy do you have for children whose parents do not wish them to be admitted to Holy Communion?
3. What support do you have for children who come to church without their parents or a close relation/ family friend?
4. What provision do you make for the nurture of children with special needs who wish to receive Holy Communion?
5. How are all children involved and affirmed as members of the Christian community:
* Within the Eucharist?
* In non-Eucharistic worship?
* In the social life of the parish?

##  D. Practical arrangements. Please give information about:

* The Service
* The Register (It is recommended that you use a section of the baptismal register)

Please note that the bishop of Rochester will send each child a personalised certificate as a sign of his support for them on this important occasion in their Christian journey. Please send the name, date / place of baptism of each child and the date of the admission service to Bishopscourt: bishopscourt@rochester.anglican.org, ref Children and HC as soon as it is known.

1. **Re-Application.**

The PCC wishes to re-apply on behalf of the above parish for the Bishop of Rochester’s permission to admit children to Holy Communion.

The result of the PCC vote whether to proceed on (date) was:

In favour: Against: Abstentions: Absentees:
NB. We recommend a 2/3 majority in favour before proceeding further.

 Signed: (Incumbent/PiC) Date:

 **Please return this form to:**

 Email (preferred): bishopscourt@rochester.anglican.org. Ref Children and HC Application
 Post: Bishopscourt, 24 St Margaret’s St, Rochester, ME1 1TS. Ref as above

For office use:

Date received by Bishopscourt Date sent to Advisory Group

Response from Advisory Group

Further work (if necessary)

Date sent with recommendation to the Bishop of Rochester