

First Holy Communion Policy

It is the Gaelscoil policy:

1. That the sacraments of Penance (First Confession) and First Holy Communion are done through Irish.
2. That a Service of Commitment for children and parents takes place first.
3. That the wider community in Sligo have an opportunity to participate and for this reason it is felt that Sunday is the most suitable day.
4. Sunday Mass at 10.30 has been selected as this is a children's mass and many children attend this mass.
5. The school, upon advice from the clergy, will make one videotape of the service and sell it to parents.
6. The school parents voted on the type of clothes to be worn by the children:
 - School uniform
 - robes
 - dresses, etc.

Dresses, etc. was the preferred option.
7. It was decided that gloves, umbrellas, etc. would not be worn in the church. They can be used for photographs.
8. Every child will have an opportunity to participate in the mass.
9. Cairde, the Parents' Committee, will have a party for the First Holy Communion children only, in the school following the service. Children of other faiths or none from the same class are invited to attend the party and service.
10. It is the expected duty of parents to attend all services.