WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO BE PREPARED FOR CONFIRMATION,

AND WOULD YOU SUPPORT THIS?

Dear Parent / Carer

Each year St James Church, the church with which Manston St James, Primary Academy is linked, offers the opportunity for individuals to prepare for a service or ceremony we call **Confirmation – which is a way of someone saying ‘Yes’ to following Jesus and choosing to continue to grow in faith.**

This is an opportunity open to those who are Year 6 and above. Classes will be run by

Rev’d Carolyn and held during school time for about an hour once a week from mid-January through to mid-March for those who would like to attend.

During each session we will talk and listen and learn together around the themes of

**Making Connections**  with **God the Father**

 with **God the Son – Jesus**

 with **God the Holy Spirit**

 through **Bread and Wine** (*Holy Communion*)

 through the **Bible and Prayer**

 through the promises of **Baptism & Confirmation**

Each child will be able to decide if they want to be Confirmed at the Confirmation Service which will take place on Sunday 17th March 2019, in St James’ Church, at 9.30am.

Preparation for Confirmation also includes preparation for children to receive the bread and wine of Communion at Services of Holy Communion and again our children have opportunities through school to attend a service of this kind, if they choose to, one lunchtime each half term.

If your child would like to come along to these classes (as described above), to explore the Christian faith further and decide if Confirmation is for them, we would ask that you complete the slip attached to let us know.

**Please return this slip to the School Office by Thursday 17th January** to help us make the necessary arrangements and to begin our sessions together.

If any of you would like to discuss the matters addressed in this letter further then please do make contact with Reverend Carolyn (0113 264 2685) carolyn.james117@btinternet.com ).

Also if any adults would like to explore Confirmation there will be separate arrangements made for that to happen during the same period of the year.

With Many Thanks

**The Reverend Carolyn James Mrs. Cathy Greenaway**