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Dear Year Six Parents and Carers,

On **Sunday 19 November** Bishop Stephen Platten will be holding a Confirmation service at St Mark's, Woodcote, Purley at **6.30 p.m.**, and we are invited to participate. As your offspring will probably have told you, I have been talking to them for the past few weeks about the Christian faith and to introduce them to what Confirmation might mean for them. It is proving an enjoyable experience and we have had interesting and thoughtful discussions.

We now come to the point where you and they should decide whether your child should be confirmed. Please consider whether this is a step they should take, and whether this is the right time.

If it's the case that they have not been baptised, or you aren't sure, baptism will be administered during the service itself by the Bishop. The bishop will probably ask for the candidates to arrive well before the 6:30 start of the service, both to get to know them, and to have an informal rehearsal.

We are happy to present people who are not members of our congregation here at Carshalton, or even sometimes members of the Church of England; but we hope and expect that **candidates will continue to be loyal members of their own congregations or denominations**. This would enrich them with an extra resource, and enrich the universal Church at the same time.

I attach a form which I ask you to return to the school office as soon as possible. This is to help us to arrange for numbers.

May God guide your decision, and bless you.



I would like my child to be confirmed at the service at St Mark Woodcote on 19 November 2017.

Name of child

Child's date of birth

Child's address

Has the child been baptised?

Where was that, and when?

(If you have a Baptism Certificate, I would be grateful if you would let me see it.)

Signature of parent or carer

Date

Email address or telephone number

Please return this page to the school office by Friday 3rd November.