

The Bishop's Regulations

In the Diocese of Bath and Wells parishes seeking to take advantage of these provisions will need to have the support of the Bishop and to have consulted with the Diocesan Children's Adviser. In the light of their comments and encouragement the Bishop will give the necessary permission.

All parishes wishing to engage in this ministry must have a clear resolution of the PCC supporting the reception of Holy Communion by children before confirmation and then make application to Bishop Peter. The Application should be sent to Jane Tibbs, Diocesan Children's Adviser.

Parishes seeking this ministry will need to consider the following:

- That they have had a clear programme of teaching in the parish leading up to the Resolution passed by the PCC
- That they have a coherent programme for the education and nurture of children and their families from baptism, through the welcoming of children to Holy Communion and including the place of Confirmation in the ministry of the parish.
- That parental consent has been sought and given
- That a proper time of welcome is provided for those who are new to this ministry
- That each child receiving Holy Communion is in possession of a certificate demonstrating that they are entitled to the sacrament of Holy Communion in the Church of England

The parish will receive permission from the Bishop of the Diocese.