



ST. BERNADETTE'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

A MEMBER OF ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

Our aim at St. Bernadette's is to have happy children who are thriving on the learning experiences offered by our academy. We strive to nurture children's spiritual, moral and social development within a Catholic, Christian environment based on gospel values, and to make our academy a place where all pupils are given equal opportunity regardless of gender, special needs, disability or race.

Children will best develop their talents, their skills and their attitudes when they are surrounded by a warm, friendly and safe environment, which we continually strive to create.

'Striving for excellence in all that we do, reflecting the Light of Christ to the world.'

In all our work for the children of St. Bernadette's we know we are most effective when parents and the academy are working together.

Headteacher: Mr M. Strong

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Early Years Leader and Class 2 (EY2) Teacher: Miss H. Fenwick (Paediatric First Aid Trained)

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Teaching Assistant: Mrs N. Pentecost (EY2)

We hope that you find this booklet useful during this very special time in which your child begins their academy journey with us here at St. Bernadette's.

Mission Statement



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— MISSION STATEMENT —

Jesus said: "I AM the Light of the World."

By the Light of Jesus Christ, God reveals to each of us who He is.
God is Love, and His Love is revealed in Truth, Goodness, and Beauty.
God's Love is revealed in His Creation, in our beautiful world, in His Holy Catholic Church, in our families, in our friends, and in every human person, and we welcome all in the Holy Name of Jesus.

At St. Bernadette's, we believe that every child is a precious gift from God to each of our families, created in His own image and likeness so as to radiate His Love, Truth, Goodness, and Beauty.

We believe that every child has been blessed by God's Grace to know Him and love Him, and to know of God's infinitely deep and abiding Love for each of His children.

Upon entering our academy, children are welcomed into a loving, caring, safe, and nurturing environment, beginning a journey with us through which they will grow and mature, blossom and flourish.

We help our families to form their children by providing a well-rounded education, full of challenge and rigour; fun and creativity; excitement and wonder.

'Striving for excellence in all that we do, reflecting the Light of Christ to the world'

Our academy motto expresses our firm and enduring commitment to endeavour for excellence. We believe that every child has been created by God to strive for excellence in all aspects of life, and when united in friendship with Jesus, they are empowered to reflect the Light of Christ to the world.

Jesus said: "I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

"I have come so that they may have life, and have it to the full."

JESUS IS 'THE WAY' so let us walk in His footsteps of Love and Friendship, and follow His example of Goodness.

JESUS IS 'THE TRUTH' so let us listen to what He says, believe His teachings, and profess His Gospel.

JESUS IS 'THE LIFE' so let us live by His commandments to love God, and love our neighbour.

When we do these things, Jesus will help us to lead the life He wants us to have, 'and have it to the full'. Just as Jesus said that He is 'the Cornerstone' on which we should build our whole lives, in the same way, our Cornerstone Values, centred on Christ, provide the firm foundation for all that we do in our academy.

OUR CORNERSTONE VALUES

- LOVE** To love God with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbour as Jesus loves us.
- VIRTUE AND GOODNESS** To grow in virtue, becoming more like Jesus in what we think, say, and do. To be well-behaved and well-mannered; courteous and polite; considerate and helpful; kind and forgiving.
- PRAYER AND SERVICE** To be friends with Jesus through prayer and devotion, liturgy, and worship of God. To live out the Gospel in service of others – our family, academy, parish, the wider community, and also in charitable outreach to those less fortunate than ourselves; the poor, the disadvantaged, and the suffering.
- RADIANCE** To enkindle our God-given gifts and talents, so that we may shine like bright stars for all to see.
- JOY** To aspire to be happy, cheerful, and healthy; confident yet humble; compassionate and heroic.
- WONDER** To be inspired by a spirit of enquiry and wonder, taking delight in creativity and discovery.
- EXCELLENCE** To strive for excellence, and have high aspirations to work hard and achieve our very best.

We believe that every child is unique and special, created by God for a special reason, with a unique mission – a vocation which God is calling them towards – and we believe that God has blessed each child with the character, gifts, and talents to help them succeed and be happy in their mission.

At St. Bernadette's, it is our honour and our passion to help, support, and encourage each child to fulfil their God-given potential, and ready them to contribute positively to society in service of others.

Walking in footsteps of love with Jesus, following the example of Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Bernadette, may each child come to know of their special place in God's Heart, and when 'Heart speaks unto heart', may each child have the trust and confidence to pray the words of this prayer by Saint John Henry Newman:

**'God has created me to do Him some definite service.
He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another.
I have my mission.'**



Our Academy Prayers



Academy Prayer

This is our Academy
Let peace dwell here
Let the rooms be full of contentment
Let love abide here
Love of one another
Love of mankind
Love of life itself
And the love of God
Let us remember
That as many hands build a house
So many hearts make an Academy
Amen.

Morning Prayer

Oh my God, you love me,
You are with me night and day,
I want to love you always,
In all I do and say,
I'll try to please you, Father.
Bless me through the day.
Amen.

Afternoon Prayer

God our Father, I come to say,
Thank you for your love today.
Thank you for my family,
And all the friends you give to me.
Guard me in the dark of night,
And in the morning send your light.
Amen.

Grace before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, as we sit together.
Bless the food we eat today.
Bless the hands that made the food.
Bless us, O Lord.
Amen.

Grace after Meals

Thank you, God, for the food we have eaten.
Thank you, God, for all our friends.
Thank you, God, for everything.
Thank you, God.
Amen.

Notes for Parents



1. Academy Start and Finish Times **8:45 a.m - 3:15 p.m**

The doors to the Nursery will be open from 8:45 a.m until 8:55 a.m. Parents should bring their child to the Nursery ramp to be welcomed by their class teacher. Your child should then be collected at 3:15 p.m from the Nursery ramp.

Session Times

15 hours Beginning of the Week:

Mon, Tues 8:45 a.m - 3:15 p.m,

Wed 8:45 a.m - 11:45 a.m (children will NOT have lunch in school on a Wednesday)

15 hours End of the Week:

Wed 12:15 p.m - 3:15 p.m (Children must have their lunch before arriving at school on a Wednesday),

Thurs, Fri 8:45 a.m - 3:15 p.m

30 hours Full Time:

Mon - Fri 8:45 a.m - 3:15 p.m

Please be punctual when bringing and collecting your child from the Nursery.

2. Academy Uniform

All academy uniform can be purchased from Shah's however some 'non-badge' items for the Nursery children can be purchased from elsewhere.

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Please see the additional uniform table with details of all the uniform your child will need. Nursery children will need a St. Bernadette's bookbag which is used to hold their library book and any letters/ school correspondence. They will need an additional school bag, big enough to fit their shoes, winter garments etc. Your child will also need a pair of black velcro plimsolls to be worn as indoor shoes in addition to their school shoes. Nursery children DO NOT need a PE kit.



ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING MUST HAVE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON. Name tags are available to purchase over the internet - stick on, iron on and sew in options are all available.

3. Lunch and Snack Time

All children in school have an hour for lunch; 30 minutes for eating their lunch and 30 minutes for playing outside. School lunches can be paid for through Parent Pay (£2.30 per day), please contact the academy office if you would like your child to have school lunches and they will set up the parent pay for you. If you are choosing for your child to have a packed lunch we ask that it is as healthy as possible and that any small fruits, such as grapes and cherry tomatoes, are cut in half lengthways to prevent a risk of choking.

The children in Nursery also have the opportunity to have a piece of fruit and a carton of milk throughout the morning session. This is an NHS initiative to encourage children to eat a healthy balanced diet.

Please provide your child with a water bottle, labelled with their name, each day. Water bottles will be kept in the classroom so that children can access a drink throughout the day.

4. Collecting your child at the end of the day

It is important that your child is aware who is collecting them at the end of each day. This helps with their transition to school and settling in process.

Please let us know of your 'Collection Password' at your child's home visit.

Please inform your child's class teacher if someone different will be collecting them and ensure that person knows your collection password.

5. Parents Meeting, Home Visit and Transition Morning at the Academy

Home Visit

As part of our transition process at St. Bernadette's we visit you and your child at home. This is an opportunity for us all to meet and begin to get to know your child. During this visit you will be able to discuss any concerns or worries about your child starting our school nursery and also any special information, such as; dietary requirements, medical needs etc.

The date for the home visits is: **Wednesday 14th December 2022**

Transition Stay and Play Sessions

We would like to invite your child to visit the academy for a transition Stay and Play session on **Thursday 15th December 9:30 - 10:30**. They will play alongside our current Beginning of the Week children.

6. First Day

Your child's first day in January will be:

Monday 9th January 2023 (30 hours and 15 hours Beginning of the Week children)

Wednesday 11th January 2023 (15 hours End of the Week children)

A Typical Day in EY1



This is an example of the routine your child will follow while they are in Early Years 1. Free choice is when children have access to the different provision areas throughout the EY1 classroom and outdoor area.

8:45 - 8:55	Children arrive, Self Registration and Free choice
8:55	Door to the Nursery locked, Morning Registration, Dough Disco
9:05 - 9:30	Welcome Time, Phonics
9:30 - 11:15	Free Choice, Guided Activities
11:15 - 11:35	Mathematics
11:35	Grace and Lunch preparations
11:45	Lunch time
12:45	Welcome back after lunch, Afternoon Registration
12:50 - 1:10	Storytime/ Rhyme of the Week
1:10 - 2:40	Free choice, Guided Activities
2:40	Story time/ Rhyme of the Week
3:00	Prayers, Home time preparations
3:15	Home time

Below are the timings for our extra lessons that the children take part in - these timings may change for September but we will inform you of the times when your child starts.

Hymn practice and Collective Worship - Monday 2:30 - 3:00

Whole Academy Assembly - Friday 2:30 - 3:00

The children will also take part in PE lessons (once a week for 15 hour children and twice a week for 30 hour children, days and times will be confirmed in September - the children DO NOT need a PE kit)

How Can You Help?



There are many ways in which you can help your child prepare for starting in our Early Years Unit. We would encourage you to:

- Talk to your child
- Read or re-tell stories with them (in addition to stories in the day also read a bedtime story every night)
- Look at books together or visit the library
- Encourage them to pronounce words correctly when talking and speaking in full sentences
- Sing songs and rhymes together
- Count using everyday objects
- Draw and paint pictures
- Recognise and practise writing letters from their name
- Share toys with others
- Enable your child to manage their own toileting needs. Please try your best to toilet train your child before they begin in our Nursery. It is essential that you discuss any toileting issues with the staff on the home visit so we know how to prepare for your child joining us.
- Dress themselves and put on their own shoes and coat

Once your child starts in Early Years 1 you can continue to support them by:

- Sharing their weekly sharing book with them
- Talk to them about what they have been learning at the academy each day

Talking Together Really Matters



Times to talk together are special times

1. Time to know me
2. Time to listen and respond to me
3. Time for me to think and waiting time

At my level

1. At eye level with me
2. At my pace
3. Accept where I am at, but add and adapt

Look and listen to me

1. Listen with your eyes and your ears
2. Look, watch and observe what I do and say
3. Let me lead and make choices

Keep it fun!

1. Key into my interests and my world
2. Keep me interested with your voice, face and gestures
3. Keep and capture my curiosity with careful use of questions

Parents as Partners



When parents and teachers work together we are able to provide your child with the best start in their education journey.

Over the year we provide you with resources and have meetings whereby we invite you along to learn about how we will be teaching your child in school and to discuss with you, your child's progress and how as a partnership we could further support them.

- New Parents Booklet
- Home Visit (If your child is new to our academy)
- Advent Term and Lent Term Parents Evenings
- Class Assembly
- Termly overviews of the learning that will be taking place in your child's class available on the academy website under 'Early Years Curriculum'
- School report at the end of the academic year

Uniform



In the table below, items of uniform shown in **black text** are the same for all three Academic Terms. Items of uniform shown in **red text** are unique to that (those) Academic Term(s).

	Boys' uniform	This item must be purchased from Shah's	Girls' uniform	This item must be purchased from Shah's
Autumn Term and Spring Term	Blue academy jumper showing academy badge	✓	Blue academy cardigan showing academy badge	✓
	White polo shirt (not showing badge, so not exclusive to Shah's)		White polo shirt (not showing badge, so not exclusive to Shah's)	
	Black long trousers		Blue academy pinafore dress or blue academy skirt	✓
	Black socks		White socks or black tights	
	Black school shoes (no trainers)		Black school shoes (flat – no heels, and no trainers)	
	Black plimsolls (for indoor use, and no slippers)		Black plimsolls (for indoor use, and no slippers)	
Summer Term	Blue academy jumper showing academy badge	✓	Blue academy cardigan showing academy badge	✓
	White polo shirt (not showing badge, so not exclusive to Shah's)		White polo shirt (not showing badge, so not exclusive to Shah's)	
	Black long trousers or black short trousers		Blue academy pinafore dress or blue academy skirt	✓
	Black socks		White socks	
	Black school shoes (no trainers)		Black school shoes (flat – no heels, and no trainers)	
	Black plimsolls (for indoor use, and no slippers)		Black plimsolls (for indoor use, and no slippers)	

Bags for children in Nursery		This item must be purchased from Shah's
Every child requires two school bags – the Book bag and a main school bag. The Book bag is a compulsory purchase from Shah's. For the main school bag, parents can purchase the Infant academy bag from Shah's with the academy branding to match the Book bag, or parents can purchase a main school bag of their own choice.		
BOOK bag (showing academy badge and name)		✓
INFANT academy bag available from Shah's (small rucksack showing academy badge)	or another bag of your own choice	