



ST. BERNADETTE'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Children with health needs who cannot attend school policy

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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.

We believe that every child has been created 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

- 1 **Love** – To love God with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbour as Jesus loves us.
- 2 **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; kind and forgiving.
- 3 **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 – family, academy, parish, and the wider community.
- 4 **Radiance** – To enkindle our God-given gifts and talents, so that we may shine like bright stars for all to see.
- 5 **Joy** – To aspire to be happy, cheerful, and healthy; confident yet humble; compassionate and heroic.
- 6 **Wonder** – To be inspired by a spirit of enquiry and wonder, taking delight in creativity and discovery.
- 7 **Excellence** – To strive for excellence, and have high aspirations to work hard and achieve our very best.

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.

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

Our academy motto expresses our commitment to excellence in every aspect of academy life.

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.

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 Blessed 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.'



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1. Aims

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Suitable education is arranged for pupils on roll who cannot attend school due to health needs
- Pupils, staff and parents understand what the school is responsible for when this education is being provided by the local authority

2. Legislation and guidance

This policy reflects the requirements of the [Education Act 1996](#).

It also based on guidance provided by our local authority.

<http://www.northlincslocaloffer.com/parents-and-carers/tuition-and-medical-needs/>

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

3. The responsibilities of the school

3.1 If the school makes arrangements

Initially, the school will attempt to make arrangements to deliver suitable education for children with health needs who cannot attend school.

- Mrs Sawczuk (Medical Needs Lead) will oversee the arrangements
- Initially (if the period of absence is minimal) St. Bernadette's will liaise with parents to arrange work to be sent home and returned for marking
- Class teacher's will consult parents and children about these arrangements with the support of Mrs Sawczuk (Medical Needs Lead) and Mrs James (Early Help Lead)

- Class teacher's, Mrs Sawczuk and Mrs James will work together with parents and the child to ensure the smooth return to school following the child's absence.

3.2 Local authority arrangements

If the school can't make suitable arrangements, North Lincolnshire Council will become responsible for arranging suitable education for these children:

- Arrangements will fail to be 'suitable' if for any reason the child cannot access the support provided by the school
- If it is clear that the child will be absent from school for 15 days or more whether consecutive or cumulative

Mrs Sawczuk will liaise with the North Lincolnshire Council Tuition and Medical Needs Service to facilitate suitable provision.

In cases where the local authority makes arrangements, the school will:

- Work constructively with the local authority, providers, relevant agencies and parents to ensure the best outcomes for the pupil
- Share information with the local authority and relevant health services as required
- Help make sure that the provision offered to the pupil is as effective as possible and that the child can be reintegrated back into school successfully
- When reintegration is anticipated, work with the local authority to:
 - Plan for consistent provision during and after the period of education outside the school, allowing the pupil to access the same curriculum and materials that they would have used in school as far as possible
 - Enable the pupil to stay in touch with school life (e.g. through newsletters, emails, invitations to school events or internet links to lessons from their school)
 - Create individually tailored reintegration plans for each child returning to school
 - Consider whether any reasonable adjustments need to be made.

4. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually by Mrs Sawczuk (Medical Needs Lead). At every review, it will be approved by the full governing board.

5. Links to other policies

This policy links to the following policies:

- Accessibility plan
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- SEND Policy