



St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

Growing Together in Faith, Love & Learning

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to learn that your child has been offered a place at St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School for September 2023. On behalf of the staff and Governors, I would like to offer you and your child a very warm welcome to our school. Through working closely in partnership, you will see your child grow and flourish over the next seven years.

We have high expectations and aspirations for all our children. Each child has their own special talents which we endeavour to nurture and develop in our school. At St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School, we live out our mission statement of, 'Growing Together in Faith, Love and Learning,' and this permeates all areas of school life. We take pride in our children who leave our school fully able to live out the teachings of Jesus in our community and wider world, so that they may be brave and ambitious in the lives that they choose to lead.

We would like you to attend a welcome meeting on **Thursday 15th June at 6pm**. This will provide you with vital information about our school; allow you to meet many key people and ask any questions before your child starts the induction process at St. Bernadette's. You will be able to meet some staff who will give you an insight into the curriculum, school day, routines and how the induction process will work. We carry out a staggered entry to school and you will find out the date that your child starts school at this meeting.

There will also be opportunity to meet our school cook, Mrs Nichola Crossfield, and sample some of the tasty school meals. Mrs Berry & Mrs Ellaby will be available to discuss any needs of parents that may need before and after school club care. Information will be given about how to purchase your school uniform online and members of 'The Friends of St. Bernadette's' PTFA will also be there to answer your questions and encourage you to be involved in many exciting fundraising activities.

Mrs Armstrong, who is our SENCO, will be at the meeting for parents wishing to discuss any special educational needs, medical needs, or provision for more able/gifted and talented children.

Induction process

As starting school is a big milestone, not only for your child but you, we aim to build the best relationship with you and your child, so that your child gets the very best out of their

school experience. Our induction process aims to give your child lots of opportunities to meet the Early Years Teachers, their classmates and become familiar with their classroom.

Initially, Mrs Li (Reception teacher) and Mrs Armstrong (SENCO) will conduct Nursery visits in May/June to meet your child and get to know their learning journey from their keyworker. We will contact your child's Nursery/Childminder and arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

New Starter Taster Sessions

Your child is invited to attend 2 Taster sessions in the weeks beginning the 3rd and 10th July (1pm-3pm). If your child attends St. Bernadette's Nursery, we will arrange this and inform you when they will visit. If your child attends another Nursery/Childminder we ask that you book onto 2 days, one per week on the form at the end of this letter.

Moving up Days

On Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th July (9am-3pm) we would like to invite your child to come to School for two 'Moving up' days. This will be an opportunity for them to experience a Reception class day with lots of fun activities, meet their Y6 Buddies and experience lunch time.

On their visits, your child only needs to bring a water bottle. We will provide a healthy snack. Your child will enter and be dismissed through the Nursery gate.

Pipsqueaks Teddy Bear Session- Monday 24th July – 12.30pm-2.30pm

You are invited to book onto [Pipsqueaks Teddy bear Session](#) for our school, where you will have a chance to meet your child's classmates and parents whilst having lots of fun in the play area.

September Tea Party

In the initial weeks of Starting school, you will be invited to a tea party one afternoon to share a story with your child and to ask any questions you may have.

I look forward to meeting you and working together over the coming years. In the meantime, if you have any queries or would like to speak to a member of the Early Years team then please contact the school office.

I would be most grateful if you would return the sheet attached to the school by Friday 3rd May.

Yours sincerely,

J. Li

Mrs Li and the Early Years Team

St Bernadette's New Starters

Name of Child _____ D.O.B _____

I accept / decline the offer of this Reception Class Place.

I am able/not able to attend the **Welcome Meeting** on Thursday 15th June.

New Starter Taster Sessions:

If your child attends St Bernadettes Nursery we will inform you of the days, they will come for New Starter Taster Sessions.

If your child **does not** attend St. Bernadettes Nursery which day, would they like to attend a New Starter Taster session 1pm-3pm. Please Select 1 session each week.

Week 1 - Monday 3rd July Tuesday 4th July Wednesday 5th July

Week 2 - Monday 10th July Tuesday 11th July Wednesday 12th July

'Moving up' days:

My child is able/not able to attend our **'Moving up' days** on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th July (9am-3pm)

Please find enclosed my payment for £4.80 (£2.40 per day) for **School Lunches**.

Present Childcare:

My child attends _____ Nursery/Childminder

Nursery/Childminder Contact Details _____

Days/sessions that my child attends Nursery/Childminder _____