



September 2026 first round allocation statement for St Bernadette Catholic Secondary School

As St Bernadette Catholic Secondary School is oversubscribed, the admissions criteria published on the School and Local Authority website have been applied to allocate the places that are available at the school.

Number of applications received

402 on-time applications, 171 first preferences, 144 second preferences and 87 third preferences have been received for St Bernadette Catholic Secondary School which has a published admission number of 150.

9 places were required for children with an Education, Health and Care Plan.

This left 141 places to allocate using the published criteria.

How the initial allocation of places was made

The 141 places have been offered to the following children:

Catholic children who are resident in the school's designated parish(es) (20 places)

Other looked after and previously looked after children. (2 places)

Children with a parent who has been a member of St Bernadette Secondary School staff for two or more years at the time of application. (2 places)

Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion. (35 places)

Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader. (6 places)

Any other children – Total 76 places

- 18 who attend one of our named Catholic partner primary schools
- 20 who will have a sibling at the school at the time of enrolment
- 38 prioritised on home to school distance. The furthest distance offered a place under this criterion was 0.892 km.



Letter of appeal for St Bernadette Catholic Secondary School

Parent/Carer contact details: use block capital letters

Parent/Carer Name:

Telephone number and email address:

Child's details

First name(s):

Surname/Family name:

Date of birth:

Address:

Reasons for preference or grounds for appeal

Please provide your grounds for appeal in writing as soon as possible. We can't set up an appeal hearing until your written grounds for appeal are received. If required, please continue on a separate sheet.

Signed (Parent/Carer):

Date:

Please return to info@stberns.bristol.sch.uk by 24th April 2026 - FAO Admissions

If you have no alternative please post to Admissions, St Bernadette Catholic Secondary School, Fossedale Avenue, Bristol, BS14 9LS