

*Following the footsteps of Jesus,
we celebrate and learn together*

Allocation Statement for St Bernard's Catholic Primary School- September 2025

As St Bernard's Catholic Primary School was oversubscribed, the criteria stated in their published admissions policy available on the school and Local Authority websites have been applied to allocate the places that are available at the school.

70 on-time applications (29, 1st preferences, 22, 2nd preferences, 19, 3rd preferences) have been received for St Bernard's Catholic Primary School, which has an Admission Number of 30.

1 place was required for a child with the school named in an Education, Health and Care Plan.

This left 29 places to allocate using the published admissions criteria.

How the Initial Allocation of Places was made

The 29 places have been offered to the following children:

Within each of the categories listed below, priority was given to children who will have a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment.

1. Catholic children looked after and previously looked after children. 0 places
2. Catholic children who are resident in the school's designated parish of St Bernard's – 8 places (3 siblings, 5 other children)
3. Other Catholic children – 4 places (4 other children)
4. Other looked after and previously looked after children – 0 places
5. Children who are a Catechumen – 0 places
6. Any other children – 17 places (6 siblings, 11 other children)

Where we are oversubscribed random allocation from the school policy is followed. For applications in September 2025, this was applied to Category 6.

Random Allocation is the drawing of lots, supervised by a person independent of the school. Each application was allocated a number. All the numbers were placed into a suitable container and were drawn out and ranked in the order that they were drawn. For children of a multiple birth, only the allocated number of one of the children was entered in the draw. Where this number was drawn, the other child was deemed to have also been drawn.

Supporting Evidence For categories 1, 2, 3 and 5 supporting evidence must be provided

Infant class size prejudice appeals - effects of infant class size legislation.

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St Bernard's Catholic Primary School Bristol

REQUEST FOR AN APPEAL AGAINST NON-ADMISSION ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 - 2026

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This form should only be used to appeal for St Bernard's Catholic Primary School Bristol. The completed form should be returned to school within 20 school days of the date on the refusal letter.

Students full name	
Date of Birth	
Address	
Postcode	
Contact telephone number	
Email address (please print)	

Grounds for Appeal

Please provide your grounds of appeal in writing, providing evidence to support your case.

An appeal hearing cannot be set up unless until your grounds of appeal are received in writing.



1. My child would have been offered a place if the admission arrangements had been properly implemented.

Please provide written evidence to support the above statement

2. My child would have been offered a place if the admission arrangements had not been contrary to mandatory provisions in the School Admissions Code and the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

Please provide written evidence to support the above statement



3. The decision was not one which a reasonable Admission Authority would make in the circumstances of the case.

Please provide written evidence to support the above statement and refer to definition of 'reasonable' in Guidance Notes provided.

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Number of sheets attached []

Name of parent/carer	
Signature of parent/carer	
Date	

Please return this form by the deadline to:
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