

Frequently Asked Questions from Year 6 New Intake

Will I be able to buy uniform?

Our supplier Michael Hope has told us that all orders made before the end of July will be delivered in plenty of time. They will only deliver to your home address.

He is currently updating his website with information and support for your parents to measure you at home to make sure you get the right size

<https://www.michaelhope.co.uk/products/school-shops/st-bernadette-catholic-secondary-school>

What happens if my uniform hasn't arrived?

We have very high standards of uniform at St Bernadette's but we do understand if your blazer hasn't arrived in time for September. If your blazer is ordered, but has not arrived, we would expect you to be in shoes, black school trousers and white shirt (which can be bought from any shop) and a school tie that can be purchased from school reception.

How can I try my uniform on when I buy it?

There is a measuring guide on the uniform website to help you get the right size. If, when it arrives, your blazer doesn't fit you its free for returns and exchanges so order as soon as possible and you will have time to change it.

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How will I pay for food?

We encourage parents to upload money for food onto your school account instead of bringing cash to school. Normally we use a thumb print recognition or PIN number system and we are currently looking at how we can make this safe for September.

How will I know my way around?

In the first few weeks staff will be around to help as much as possible at the start of the school day and when you need to move for break times, lunch or lessons like PE and Food Technology. Remember, most of your lessons are with your tutor group so students tend to help one another out finding their way to the places they need to be. Due to the health and safety guidelines in September you will not need to move for every lesson so you will have extra time to learn your way around.

What happens if I get lost?

Staff and other students will always be around to help you if you get lost. We are very friendly and happy to help if you ask. We understand that new timetables and moving around the school for some lessons can be difficult and we do allow a little extra time until you know where everything is.

What will happen on my first day?

We are planning to make sure your first day at St Bernadette is a positive and exciting time for you. You will meet your tutor, your new tutor group and some of your new teachers, get to ask any questions you have and be given your timetable. We hope to be able to take you on a tour of the school to show you where the entrances, hall, dining hall, toilets, playground

and other key places in the school are. Mr Yandell, Mrs Rea and Mr Barr will be outside the front of the school on the first day smiling and guiding you to where you need to be.

How do I use the school bus?

If you need to set up use of the school bus or get any other information your parents should contact Mrs Davey.

Her email address is: daveyk@stberns.bristol.sch.uk

What equipment will I need?

It is especially important that you bring your own equipment to school every day as you will not be able to borrow or share due to the health and safety guidance.

You must have a pen, pencil and ruler. It's good to have a rubber, sharpener, coloured pencils and glue stick.