

# St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

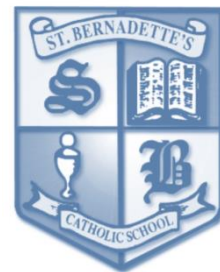
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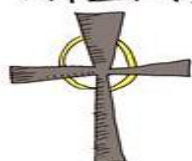
At St Bernadette's we are fully committed to safeguarding our children. We expect all staff, parents and visitors to share this commitment.

## Holy Week Arrangements at Holy Family Church



1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL - MASS OF THE  
LAST SUPPER – 6PM

GOOD  
FRIDAY



2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL – PASSION  
AND VENERATION OF  
THE CROSS - 3PM  
STATIONS OF THE  
CROSS – 6PM



HOLY  
SATURDAY

3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL - EASTER  
VIGIL MASS – 6PM

easter  
SUNDAY



4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - 10.30AM

Please email (or call) Fr Fretch if you will be  
attending on: [holyfamily763@outlook.com](mailto:holyfamily763@outlook.com)  
or 0121 772 0059.

## McNally Award

Every year at Easter, we select one child, from each year band, to receive the prestigious McNally Award. Mr McNally was the Head Teacher of St Bernadette's School for more than twenty years and passed away some years ago. In his memory, we introduced this award to celebrate the great achievement of selected children in school. The staff within each year band are asked to nominate one child for the award.

The following children have impressed the staff within that year band by displaying exemplary manners in school, a strong work ethic in all lessons and by being a trustworthy and responsible member of the class, always putting the needs of others before themselves.

Nursery – Reah  
Reception – Tiara  
Year 1 – Carmel  
Year 2 – Martin  
Year 3 – Kayden  
Year 4 – Alexander  
Year 5 – Darcey  
Year 6 – Josh

Well done and congratulation to these 8 children.

## Diary Dates

### APRIL 2021

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>** - Inset Day - School closed to pupils

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>** - Feast of St Bernadette (for 16th – Nursery own clothes)

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>** 9.30 am – Year 6 Mass (School)

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>** - St George's Day (Class 2RW – whole school own clothes 50p donation)

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** - Vocations Sunday

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>** - 9.00 am – Year 5 Behaviour Assembly

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>** - Feast of St Catherine of Sienna (2SF own clothes)

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>** - Inset Day – School closed to pupils

### MAY 2021

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>** - 3.15 pm - First Holy Communion meeting - children and parents (4CM)

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>** - 3.15 pm - First Holy Communion meeting - children and parents (4CB)

At St Bernadette's Catholic School you will find us caring, hardworking and co-operative. We follow the ways of Jesus using our talents and gifts to make our school special. We show respect to all and welcome you.

## Year Band Email Addresses

Year band email addresses were created to allow parents the opportunity to communicate with teachers regarding their child. If using this method of communication, please can you refrain from sending emails after 5.30pm in the evening or at weekends. Staff are entitled to a work life balance and will only respond to messages during the normal school day/ week. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding with this matter.

## Summer Uniform

Children will be able to wear their summer uniform after the Easter Holidays if they so wish.

Summer uniform consists of the following:

Blue and white check summer dress or grey skirts (girls)

Grey shorts/trousers (boys)

Black flat shoes

White polo shirts with school logo

## COVID-19

### Changes from 29 March

#### Social contact

Evidence shows that it is safer for people to meet outdoors rather than indoors and this is why from 29 March, outdoor gatherings (including in private gardens) of either 6 people (the Rule of 6) or 2 households has been allowed, making it easier for friends and families to meet outside.

#### Business and activities

Outdoor sports facilities such as tennis and basketball courts, and open-air swimming pools, will also be allowed to reopen, and people will be able to take part in formally organised outdoor sports.

#### Travel

The 'stay at home' rule ended on 29 March but many restrictions still remain in place. People should continue to work from home where they can and minimise the number of journeys they make where possible, avoiding travel at the busiest times and routes. Travel abroad will continue to be prohibited, other than for a small number of permitted reasons. Holidays abroad will not be allowed, given it will remain important to manage the risk of imported variants and protect the vaccination programme. The Government has launched a new taskforce to review global travel which will report on 12 April.

It is vital that we all follow the rules, to protect lives and save the NHS.

Thank you to those parents who are keeping us fully informed regarding any family members who are showing symptoms of the Coronavirus and are taking their children for tests. Like everyone, we are delighted that the local rates have fallen and we are all working very hard to beat this virus together.

## Staff INSET days

A reminder that school will be closed to all pupil on the following dates due to staff training:

**Monday 19th April and Friday 30th April.**

## Reminders:

- Staff are continuing to take their LFT twice a week.
- If a child displays symptoms of COVID19 whilst in school, they are isolated and parents are called immediately.
- In the event of a household member becoming ill with COVID-19 or awaiting a test result, please do not send your child into school. You are asked to self-isolate until the test comes back negative. If it is positive, you are asked to self-isolate for ten days and return to school on day no. 11. Please let us know if your child will not be in school and the reason why.
- In the event of a child testing positive for COVID19, we may have to close the class bubble after taking advice from the DfE and PHE. Please help us in keeping everyone safe by keeping us informed.

## Scouts

Would you be interested in your child joining Beavers or Cubs in Yardley? The Yardley group are returning to a face to face programme after Easter and would like your child to join them. Beavers start at age 5 and three quarters and Cubs at age 8. They do have a waiting list for those who are younger than this. Please contact Hayley on 07785 983000 if you would like some more details about joining or you'd like to get your child's name down for when they are old enough.

## Decorate an Egg Competition

A big thank you and well done to all the children who entered the decorate an egg competition this week. There were so many fantastic and very creative entries produced on the theme 'Heroes'. Have a look at some of the amazing eggs on the school Twitter page: <https://twitter.com/StBernsPrimary>

I am sure you will agree that we have some very talented and creative children and parents.

## EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade

The children in Nursery and Reception looked delightful in their Easter Bonnets on Monday. They had a parade in their year bands so their friends could see their beautiful designs and it was clear a lot of time and effort had gone into producing these bonnets. Thank you to all our parents for helping the children to create these masterpieces. Photographs of some of the Easter Bonnets can be found on the school Twitter page:

<https://twitter.com/StBernsPrimary>

## Easter Egg Raffle

A big thank you to all the families that entered our Easter egg raffle. Due to the generosity of the staff we were able to have 8 winners from each year band across school. A big thank you to all the staff who donated eggs. The money raised from the raffle will go to support Fr. Hudson's Good Shepherd appeal.

## Year 4 First Holy Communion

In preparation for their First Holy Communion, there will be a meeting for parents and children in Year 4 in school at 3.15pm on the following dates:

**Tuesday 4th May – 4CM**

**Wednesday 5th May – 4CB**

**Thursday 6th May – 4AMcD**

Year 4 will make their First Holy Communion at Holy Family Church on Saturday 15th May at the following times:

- **9:15am – class 4CM and children in 4CB surnames A-B**
- **11:15am – class 4AMcD and children in 4CB surnames C-Z**

For the First Holy Communion Masses, due to COVID restrictions, each family will be allocated a pew for a maximum of 6 family members (not including the communicant). Unfortunately, if your numbers exceed this, the remaining family members will have to watch the service online via the live stream provided from the church.

## First Confessions

Well done and congratulations to the children in Year 3 who made their First confessions last week, the children were well prepared and reverent throughout the service.

Please continue to pray for the children in Year 3 and 4 as they continue their preparation to receive Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist during the summer term.

## Year 3 First Holy Communion

In preparation for the children's First Holy Communion there will be a meeting in school for both parents and children at 3.15pm on the following dates:

**Monday 24th May – 3EH**

**Tuesday 25th May – 3TK**

**Thursday 27th May – 3SH**

First Holy Communion for Year 3 pupils will take place at Holy Family Church on Saturday 19th June at:

- **9.15am – class 3TK and children in 3EH surnames A-M**
- **11.15am – class 3SH and children in 3EH surnames N-Z**

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## Going Forth Mass

Once the children in Years 3 & 4 have received their First Holy Communion they will celebrate a 'Going Forth' Mass in school, where the photographer has been booked to take photographs of the children dressed in their Communion clothes. The children should come to school on this date in their communion attire with some party clothes to change into after Mass and a plate of party food to celebrate.

The dates of the going forth Masses are:

**Year 4 – 9.00am Wednesday 19th May**

**Year 3 – 9.00am Wednesday 23rd June**

Unfortunately, it is unlikely that we will be able to invite parents to this Mass due to current restrictions.

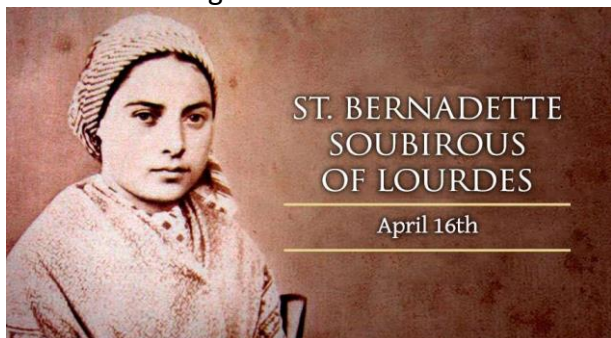


## Thought For The Day

To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful or perfect. You just have to care.

## St Bernadette's Feast Day – 8<sup>th</sup> April

The Church celebrates the feast of our school Patron, St Bernadette, on 16th April which falls during the Easter Holidays. We will therefore spend the afternoon on Tuesday 20th April learning more about our school saint and celebrating her life.



## Reception Place Allocations

The National Offer Day for Reception places is April 16th 2021. On this date you will be sent an email from Birmingham City Council informing you which school has been offered. The email will name the school your child has been offered which you should receive by 4pm. Please check your SPAM or Junk folder.

You will only need to inform Birmingham City Council by 30th April 2021 if you are refusing this offer. Details of how to do this will be included on your offer email and letter. If you do not refuse the offer, the school will update their records to show the offer has been accepted. If you are refusing a place at St. Bernadette's School, please could you also let the school office know before 30th April.

By refusing the offer, you will lose the place your child was allocated as this will be given to another child on the waiting list for that school.

Please do not contact Birmingham City Council before you receive the formal notification of your child's school place. You must be in receipt of your formal notification email before contacting the council.

## Ten:Ten Newsletter

May I take this opportunity to remind parents that the Ten:Ten Newsletter is available in digital format each month on the school website.

<https://www.stberns.co.uk/ten-ten-parent-newsletter>

## World Earth Day

On Thursday 22nd April 2021, we will be celebrating World Earth Day. The theme of the International Day is 'Restore our Earth'. Each year band (Nursery - Year 6) will investigate, discuss and learn about an environmental issue facing our planet. In doing so they will be exposed to some solutions that are available to us to help decrease our impact on the environment. There will be an art focus in the afternoon and each year band will create a form of art, whether that is a recycled bottle top Rainbow fish or an image of fossil fuels and their alternatives. We are very fortunate that we have established a connection with The University of Birmingham and The Tyseley Energy Park, who will support Year 3 and Year 5 in the delivery of the day, through a zoom connection. We are hoping your child really enjoys this immersive experience, and even comes home telling you about what they have learnt and taken part in.

The topics we will address across the school are:

- Nursery and Reception - 'We are Here' by Oliver Jeffers
- Year 1 and 2 - Plastic pollution
- Year 3 - Fossil fuels - supported by the Tyseley Energy Park
- Year 4 - Deforestation
- Year 5 – Transport - supported by the Tyseley Energy Park
- Year 6 - The Carbon Cycle

This will be a great opportunity to remind our children that we are only custodians of our planet for future generations, and we therefore have a duty to ensure that we look after and protect it.



## Year 6 Personalised Leavers' Hoody

Two of our Year 6 Parents, Samantha Richards and Sophia Hussain, have decided to organise leavers' hoodies for the year 6 children. These will cost £25 and will be available to order direct from the supplier via a link that will be provided if you want to go ahead and order.

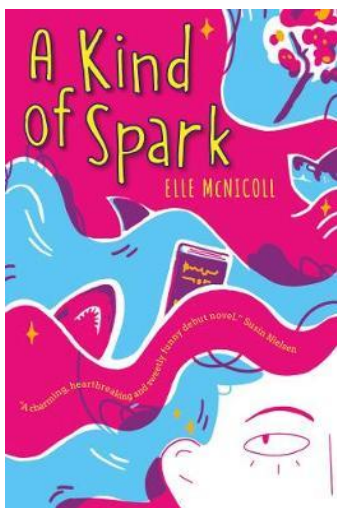
If you would like one, please email the parents direct at: [stbernsyr6leavers@yahoo.com](mailto:stbernsyr6leavers@yahoo.com) with your child's name (please ensure it is spelt correctly). Once they have your email, they will be able to provide you with the relevant information to order the hoody yourself.

The supplier has given them a deadline date of 22nd April 2021 to have all the names in. Please email the above address, as soon as possible, if you are interested.

**Please note:** This is being organised by the aforementioned Year 6 parents and school will not be involved in the process, so any queries/ questions etc should be directed to the email address provided above. Thank you.

## Staff Book Club

Research shows that an important factor in developing a desire to read for pleasure is the presence of reading role models. We are always looking for ways to further develop our school reading culture and so we have started our own staff book club. We will be reading different children's books and meeting to discuss our thoughts. Our first book will be 'A Kind of Spark' by Elle McNicoll, which was this year's Blue Peter Book Award winner. We would love to see some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils (and our parents!) reading this book alongside us.



## Happy Easter

Easter is a time to rejoice, be thankful, be assured that all is forgiven, so life extends beyond the soil of the earth. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Governors, Staff and children of St Bernadette's to wish all our families a happy and Holy Easter. Wishing you all the love and happiness that only Easter can bring. Have a joyous celebration with your family.

## Easter Reflection

The chocolate eggs and the Easter bunnies have been in the shops since January and climate change has brought the daffodils out months in advance. But where will you be this weekend? Will you stand, virtually or in person, in the darkness of the Church and witness the new fire? Will you follow and gaze on the wounded and glorious Easter candle, the Light of Christ? Will you hear again the amazing story of the triumph of God's love over sin and death? Oh, how we need to be set free to celebrate this victory in our broken, wounded, greedy, violent and destructive world!

Take time this Easter to rekindle your relationship with God and spend time in prayer.

## Prayer for Easter Sunday

Loving Lord,

Today we remember the veil of darkness transforming into the brightest light.

The most dreadful end becoming the most beautiful beginning.

We remember with trembling hearts the depths of despair fading to reveal hope everlasting.

The curse of death defeated by eternal life.

Today we remember with thankfulness your willingness to be pierced for our sins.

We sing with abounding joy of your miraculous rise, from death's tomb to resplendent life.

Thank you for the promise of heaven and your generous invitation of eternal life for all.

Amen.

## Special Certificates

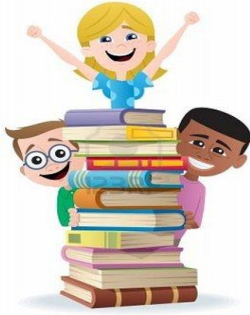
Each week a child from each class is nominated to receive a special certificate through the post. The pupils who are awarded these certificates have shown that they really understand what it means to live as Jesus taught us, perhaps by being particularly kind or helpful. Well done to the following children:

<b>Nursery (Blue)</b>	<b>Conan</b>	For being happier at Nursery.	<b>Nursery (Red)</b>	<b>Araya</b>	For super phonics.
<b>Nursery (Green)</b>	Reah	For fantastic phonics!	<b>Nursery (Yellow)</b>	<b>Myra</b>	For excellent listening during group time. Well done Myra!
RND	<b>Penny-Lou</b>	For persevering and being determined to write her name – you did it, well done!	3TK	<b>Amara</b>	For really good RE work.
	<b>Shaydon</b>	For trying so hard with his reading in phonics this week.		<b>Lacie</b>	For trying really hard in Maths.
RPF	<b>Katie</b>	For better listening this week. Good girl!	4AMD	<b>Harry</b>	For being such a role model to the children in 4AM and treating them with respect.
	<b>Mariamawit</b>	For excellent reading and phonics work!		<b>Spencer</b>	For being such a resilient learner and never giving up
RSD	<b>Declan</b>	For persevering with his writing last week!	4CB	<b>Hughie</b>	For being an amazing role model and a credit to our school. Your new school are lucky to have you!
	<b>Chenayah</b>	For always helping the lunchtime supervisors		<b>James</b>	For trying really hard in RE this week and offering some great ideas.
1EG	<b>Jai</b>	For trying hard in all of his lessons.	4CM	<b>Eva</b>	For excellent reading with Mrs Colclough
	<b>Jake</b>	For always using his manners and being polite.		<b>Nataniel</b>	For fantastic contributions during Holy Week.
1OB	<b>Iga</b>	For being a kind and caring friend.	5EB	<b>Annaiyah</b>	For setting higher standards of writing in English lessons.
	<b>Aaishah</b>	For her hard work in Maths!		<b>Haaniyah</b>	Being an enthusiastic learner in English lessons.
1SMCG	<b>Leon</b>	For working so hard in English lessons.	5KH	<b>Alvin</b>	For his beautiful manners and thoughtful ways!
	<b>Lilac</b>	For excellent Maths work!		<b>Kian</b>	For always trying so hard with his learning.
2EL	<b>George</b>	For being an excellent role model	5LC	<b>Iirish</b>	For being so kind and considerate of other pupils.
	<b>Maja</b>	For always being so polite to her teachers.		<b>Julia</b>	For trying so hard with her Maths work and for making real improvements in Maths as a result.
2RW	<b>Charlie B</b>	For working really hard in English.	6AMJ	<b>Jamal</b>	For trying hard in Maths and class lessons this week
	<b>Amily</b>	For always being polite and respectful.		<b>Alexander</b>	For having excellent manners.
2SF	<b>Francis</b>	For putting lots of effort into all his work.	6KL	<b>Harry</b>	For a fabulous effort in our Holy Week drama.
	<b>Amaya</b>	For producing some fantastic writing in English.		<b>Jordy</b>	For a fabulous effort in our Holy Week drama.
3EH	<b>Matt</b>	For always making a wonderful effort in Maths.	6ZB	<b>Jacob</b>	For an egg-cellent entry in the Easter Egg competition.
	<b>Ava-Kay</b>	For her brilliant work on division this week.		<b>Kabisajini</b>	For some excellent contributions to our Holy Week lessons.
3SH	<b>Ava - Louise</b>	For always being kind and caring to her friends by helping them in lessons.			
	<b>Kai</b>	For listening carefully in our Holy week Lessons and displaying excellent work.			

# Accelerated Readers

Reader of the Month: April

Emmanuel 349,742 words



## Classic Readers:

Benhur	Riya	Erin	Jewel	Surina	Harley
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## Star Readers:

Freya	Evie	Kesiya	Scarlett	Vir	Ava-Grace
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## Advanced Readers:

Zachary	Georgie	Heran	Ruby	Solianna
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## Super Readers:

Thea	Amelia	Amy	Solianna	Chloe-Ann
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## Rising Readers:

Aprylle Megan	Grace Kyrán	Scarlett Kieran	Gabriel Muhammad	Hermela Cassie-Jo	Loza Joseph	Teagan
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## Independent Readers:

Jordy Dior Chanali	Reign Julia Jawad	Irish Freddie Oliver	Habiba Nikita Mohammed	Aara Keigan Lillie-Rose	Kieran Sienna-Rose Jack	Logan-Jay Lola
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## Ready Readers:

Tyreiss Alfie	Shylah Stanley	Aiden- Joseph	Lemuel Annalise	Rae Delna	Ethan Jack	Sonny Kyrón
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## Millionaire Readers:

Jithin	Yusha	Elishia	Joyce	Tilly Bleu	Surina
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# The Birmingham Local Offer Website



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The Birmingham Local Offer website is now launched. It includes information about the wide range of services that are available to support all areas of a child's life (0-25 years) especially those with a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND). This includes support with education, physical and mental health, social care, leisure activities and moving towards independence and adulthood.

## What is the Local Offer?

Every Local Authority in England has a duty to provide children and young people, (0-25 years) with support if they have Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities - this is known as the **Local Offer**. Every Local Authority has to publish what support is available on a website: this is called the [Local Offer Website](#). This Local Offer website gives information about the support that the local authority expects to be available across education, health and social care. The information on the website is clear and easy to find. It says who a particular service is for, how to apply, and how decisions are made about who gets that service.

The information you should be able to find on a Local Offer Website includes:

- Sources of support, advice and information for children, young people and families including support groups and forums.
- Special educational, health and social care provision for children and young people with SEN or disabilities
- Arrangements to identify and assess children and young people with SEN, including how an assessment can be requested.
- Other educational provision, for example leisure activities, sports or arts provision,
- Information about provision to assist in preparing children and young people for adulthood including post-16 education and training provision
- Arrangements for travel to and from schools, post-16 institutions and early years providers
- Childcare, including suitable provision for disabled children and those with SEND
- Support available to young people in higher education, particularly the Disabled Students Allowance (DSA) and the process and timescales for making an application for DSA
- Arrangements for resolving disagreements and for mediation, and details about making complaints

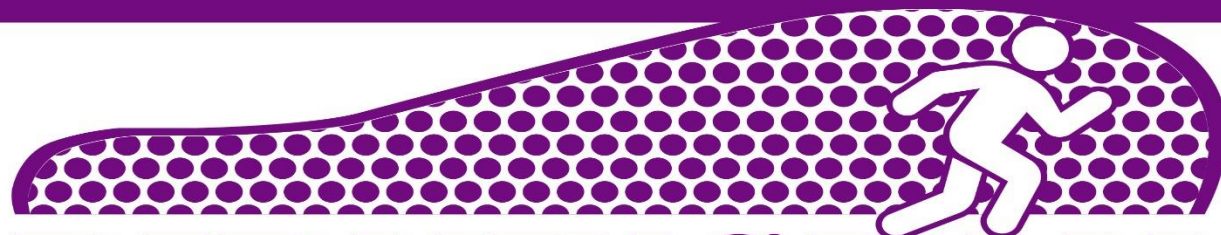
In Birmingham, we have been updating our Local Offer website to make the information in it clearer and easier to find. We have done this with the help of the Birmingham Parent Carer Forum and the Youth Forum, but this is just the start.

We really want to keep adding to the information on the Local Offer Website in order to make it the one stop shop for young people and their families. To do this we need your views and ideas.

Please visit our new site [www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk](http://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk) and give us your feedback using the feedback form on the site.



# WHAT TO DO WITH THE KIDS THIS EASTER?



## BIRMINGHAM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



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# Why a School Meal is Important

School meals play an important role in both promoting healthy eating habits for children but also ensuring they receive a healthy balanced and nutritious hot meal during the day.

The menu provided has been designed in line with the Governments School Food standards, ensuring a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, pulses, meats and dairy products are incorporated on the menu throughout the week, giving the children a healthy and balanced hot meal.


Whilst packed lunches may give parents more control over what their child is eating, many mistakenly imagine that a packed lunch is the healthiest option. In fact, school meals are now consistently more nutritious than packed lunches, with the School Food Plan reporting that only 1% of packed lunches meet the nutritional standards applied to school meals. If you would like further information on the menu currently available, please visit

<https://www.stberns.co.uk/school-meals>

We totally understand following the easing of the current Covid lockdown measures, their maybe some apprehension about allowing your child to have a school meal. We would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that every step has been taken by your Cityserve catering team to ensure the meals we provide are done so in a safe and efficient manner, whilst incorporating all current hygiene practices and Government recommendations on social distancing, increased handwashing and wearing face masks where appropriate.

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Cucumber is 95% water which is ideal for hydration

Athletes eat bananas as it's a good source of carbohydrates which helps build

Broccoli is rich in calcium to help support bone health

Apples can make your bones and teeth stay strong

Chicken is a good source of B vitamins and protein

Berries are good for the brain

Lentils are rich in protein and fibre which helps with your digestion

Eggs are a great source of protein which helps with cell growth

Salmon is high in vitamin D Omega 3 fatty acid and helps with a healthy heart

Yogurt is an important source of calcium which helps with bone development

Carrots and Spinach contain vitamin A which helps with your

Tomatoes contain 40% of your daily vitamin C

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# Pause.

Need someone to talk to?  
Struggling to cope with feelings?  
We're here for you.

We are operating a telephone-based service while Pause in Digbeth is closed.  
Register for support via our website:  
[www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/services/13-pause](http://www.forwardthinkingbirmingham.org.uk/services/13-pause)

Or call [0207 841 4470](tel:02078414470) and we will arrange for one of our friendly staff to call you back.

## Who can use us?

You can use us if you have a Birmingham GP and are:

- Under 25 years old (If you are under 14 you will need to have a parent / caregiver with you when we call to give consent).
- Or if you are a parent / caregiver looking for support for their child who is under 25 years old.

## How can we help?

We can offer:

- Self-help strategies, skills for managing difficult situations and feelings.
- A non-judgemental listening ear.
- Details for other organisations that might also be able to help you.
- Each call lasts around 20-30 minutes which focuses on ways forward.

## Our Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday: 10am-6pm, Saturdays: 10am-5pm.  
We are closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

