

Dear Parent / Carer,

As many of you are aware St Bernadette's has been a member of the national Children's University programme, for several years. The Children's University is a national organisation which aims to recognise and celebrate the learning children do outside normal school hours.

Each child from Year two to Year Six who chooses to become a member of the programme will have a "Passport to Learning" and be able to collect hours of learning from a range of school activities and from organisations outside school, which have been validated as providers of high quality, learning experiences. Activities such as sport, swimming and music lessons, museum and theatre events and after school clubs qualify, as do learning activities at Brownies or Sea Cadets, for example, as long as the activities have been validated by school or the national programme.

The Children's University co-ordinator, Mrs Duke, will keep a record of hours gained and, at the end of the year, there will be a graduation event, where the children's achievements will be recognised and celebrated.

The hours of learning your child has achieved throughout the year determine the award, for example, to achieve a Gold Award a child needs to have 100 hours accredited, i.e. an average of 2 hours quality learning each week for a year (awards start at 30hrs).

We know many of our parents / carers make great efforts to ensure our children get involved in and out of school activities and this programme is a means of recognising this. If your child is not already a member of the Children's University and they would like to be involved, please complete and return the slip below.

**Please note there will be a one off charge of £2.50 to contribute to the cost of the passport, which should last for the duration of being part of Children's University.**

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Yours sincerely,

Denise Duke

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**Children's University new Membership**

I have read and understand the information in the letter above and would like to enrol my child

.....(Name of Child) in the Children's University.

I enclose £2.50 as a contribution to the cost of the passport.

Signed .....

Name of Parent / Carer .....

Date .....