

## Further Information

Once the children have settled, we will be offering an opportunity for you to attend a meeting providing information about 'How to Help Your Child Learn'. Look out for this in the Autumn. If you have any further questions or need clarification on any of this information please feel free to ask!

School Nurse 0161 835 6076

## Useful Websites

[www.vernonpark.stockport.sch.uk](http://www.vernonpark.stockport.sch.uk)

[www.foundationyears.org.uk](http://www.foundationyears.org.uk)

 @vernonpark17  
@vernonEyfs

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We can't wait to see you  
in September!



# Vernon Park



# Primary School

An exciting place to learn, an exciting place to be.



# Welcome to Reception

## Welcome to the EYFS

At Vernon Park, we believe a child's learning experience should be happy, active, exciting, fun and secure; and support their development, care and learning needs. From birth to the age of 5, children in the Early Years Foundation Stage learn by playing and exploring, being active and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside. Therefore, Nursery and Reception is a very important stage of your child's school career as it helps them to get ready for their future learning and successes. The EYFS curriculum is split into 7 areas of learning, 3 prime areas and 4 specific areas. The prime areas are Communication and Language, Physical Development and Personal, Social and Emotional Development. The specific areas are Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

## What the day looks like

In Reception, children will take part in a daily Phonics and Mathematics lesson and an adult-directed activity. They will also have lots of time to direct their own learning through their play. They will move between the EYFS indoor and outdoor environment; and will be taught at different times by different members of the EYFS team.

## Reception Visits

At Vernon Park, we try our very best to ensure your child's transition through the school is as smooth as possible. To help your child settle into Reception, we offer you and your child a chance to visit us before they start in September. This will provide you with an opportunity to share any important information and for your child to meet their new teacher.

## Toileting

Children will be fully toilet trained by the time they enter Reception. We appreciate that some children may have some medical difficulties. Please inform us if your child has any issue with regard to toileting themselves independently.

## Fun Fund

In the Foundation Stage, we ask for a voluntary contribution of £10 a term which can be paid either as £10 at the beginning of the term or £1 a week for 10 weeks. Please let your teacher know which payment option you are going to choose. We will provide you with a bag with your child's name on to be sent into school. This money is used to enrich the curriculum and supplement trips and events, including stay and play days, food tasting, baking, picnics and buying equipment such as a sit on digger and Playmobil toys.



## Twitter

Vernon Park has a Twitter page which we use to inform you of current learning, sharing children's work and keeping you up to date with any school events. This is updated by staff regularly.

## School Dinners

School dinners are ordered and paid for at the following website: <https://live-kitchen.co.uk/cashless/login.aspx>. Please select your child's meals in advance.

## Dropping Off and Collecting

The school day runs from 8.55am to 3.15pm. We open the cloakroom doors at 8.50am and close them at 8.55am when the bell rings. Reception children come in the through the gate under the covered shelter in the infant playground. They are also collected from the same place. At home time, we release the children one at a time as we see their grown up. We will ask you to give us a list of adults that you have authorised to collect your children when we meet in September. Please bear with us, as this can take some time to begin with as we have lots of new faces to learn - we will speed up!

## Book Bags

All of the children must have a book bag which needs to come to school with them everyday. It is used for sending home letters, child-initiated work, homework, reading books, (when the children are ready), and phonic sheets. Please check it daily for anything new and empty it regularly. It is important that their reading books and diaries are kept in their book bag. The children will be taught reading every day through 'Read Write Inc', (further information about how we teach reading will be shared through our 'How to Support Your Child's Learning Evening' in the Autumn Term).

## Inhalers

If your child has asthma, please ensure that they bring an inhaler and spacer to be kept in school on their first day. The inhaler must be kept in its original packaging with your child's name on. We will send them home at the end of each half term for you to check how much is left, use by dates and to clean their spacer.

## Meet the Team



Mrs Lee  
Headteacher



Mr Pearson  
EYFS Leader Assistant  
Headteacher



Mrs Poyner  
Nursery Teacher



Mrs Atkins  
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Blower  
Learning Support Assistant



Mrs Stone  
S and L Teacher



Mrs White  
S and L Teacher



Mrs Ellison  
S and L Therapist



Mrs Ogden  
Teaching Assistant



Miss Adams  
Reception Teacher



Miss Lee  
HLTA



Miss Toolan  
Teaching Assistant

## School Uniform

At Vernon Park, we expect our children to maintain a high standard of appearance by wearing school uniform. The following options are available:

- School polo shirt / navy polo shirt / white polo shirt
- School sweatshirt / navy sweatshirt or for girls, navy cardigan
- Boys - Grey trousers or in Summer, shorts
- Girls - Grey or navy skirt / pinafore dress / tailored trousers or in Summer, pale blue and white checked dress
- Girls - grey, white or navy tights or socks (if worn with skirt / dress)
- **Black shoes** - not trainers, canvas shoes, Converse or Vans
- No jewellery except **small studs** for children with their ears pierced
- For hygiene reasons, hair that is long enough must be worn tied back with a plain fastening



## Outdoor Clothing

In the Foundation Stage, we spend time each day learning in the outdoors, whatever the weather. Therefore, it is really important that your child has appropriate outdoor clothing. They will need the following:

- Warm and waterproof coat with a hood
- In Winter, a woolly hat, scarf and gloves
- In Summer, a sunhat which will cover the back of the neck
- Wellington boots - we make a weekly visit to the Environmental Area.

## Spare Clothing

We have some spare uniform at school, however we recommend for your child's comfort, that you send some spare socks and underwear to school just in case of any 'accidents'. These can be put into a clearly labelled bag and hung onto their coat peg.

## Labelling

We ask that you ensure **all** items of your child's clothing are clearly labelled with their name.

## Water Bottles

The children have access to drinking water throughout the day. Please send a water bottle to school each day with your child's name clearly labelled. We ask that you do not put this in their book bag in case of leakages.