



Vernon Park



Primary School

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



Welcome

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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. Year 1/2 children come in through the double doors on the Key Stage 1 playground. They are also collected from the same place. At home time, we dismiss the children at 3.15pm to a familiar grown up only. If a different person is collecting your child/children please inform the class teacher/office.

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, homework, reading books and library books. 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.

Homework

Homework helps to consolidate learning and gives you an idea of what sort of tasks your child is doing at school. Please support the following weekly expectations.

Spellings

Pupils will have a weekly spelling pattern to learn at home and this will be revisited in school during the week.

Reading

Children are expected to read to an adult at least 5 times a week and we will monitor this daily. We would actively encourage you to listen to your child read aloud and help them to focus on their comprehension skills by asking them questions about what they have read. Reading diaries must be signed every night, even if a child has been unable to read.

Maths

In addition to the daily reading at home and weekly spelling, pupils will be set a homework task relating to Maths. This could be an arithmetic activity like times tables or a grammar activity.

If there is a genuine reason as to why your child has not been able to complete their homework, please send in a note or speak to one of us. If homework is not handed in on time, and we have not been contacted, then your child will be asked to complete the homework during break or lunch times to ensure the work they are doing in class is consolidated.

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. Alternative for girls: navy cardigan
- Boys - Grey trousers. Summer alternative: grey shorts
- Girls - Grey or navy skirt / pinafore dress / trousers. Summer alternative: pale blue and white checked/striped dress
- Girls - grey, white or navy tights or socks (if worn with skirt / dress)
- Black shoes not training shoes, Converse or Vans
- No jewellery except small studs, for children with their ears pierced, and a watch
- For hygiene reasons, hair that is long enough must be worn tied/clipped back with a black or school coloured hair bobble.



PE

Year 1/2 will have PE each week. Children should keep a named P.E. bag in school at all times. They will need the following PE kit in school:

- Dark shorts
- Plain white T-Shirt
- Indoor – pumps or bare feet
- Outdoor – pumps and/or trainers
- For winter: dark jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt

For health and safety reasons, children cannot wear earrings for PE. They must be removed before they come to school on their PE day. It is essential that your child has long hair tied back at all times. We will inform you of which day they will have their PE lesson in September.

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.

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.

Twitter

Vernon Park has a Twitter page for Key Stage 1 (please follow us @VernonKs1). We use this to inform you of current learning, upcoming events and sharing interesting activities the children have taken part in. This is updated on a regular basis so please follow us!



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. As you are all aware, we are a healthy school and if children bring in their own packed lunches we recommend that these contain a balanced diet.

Snack

The children in Key Stage 1 have fruit provided in school every day therefore the children should not bring any snacks from home, please.



Reporting to Parents

Your child has on-going formative assessments throughout the year, with the children in Year 2 being assessed in May through the SATs. The purpose of the SATs is to show what pupils have learnt and retained during their time so far at primary school. The tests help us learn more about your child's strengths and areas for development. The tests cover all the work that your child has done in Maths and English.

English

Phonics Screening Test in Y1 (retest in Y2). Comprehension test, SPAG test and a writing assessment, which is teacher assessed.

Maths

Arithmetic paper and a Reasoning paper.

There will be two Parents' Evenings, one in the Autumn Term and one in the Spring Term. You will also receive an annual report at the end of July informing you of your child's SATs results, as well as teacher assessment across the other areas of the curriculum.

Finally...

We look forward to your child having a very successful year and by working together we can ensure it is a happy one!

Useful Websites

www.vernonpark.stockport.sch.uk

Notes...

We can't wait to see you in September!

