



# Vernon Park



# Primary School

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



# Welcome

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# Year 5/6

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Welcome to Year 5/6. The department teachers are Miss Green and Mrs Ingram, Mr Thomas and Mr Pattison. We will also have teaching assistants, Mrs Singleton, Mrs Smith and Mrs Sant, working with us. We work as a department and children will be taught by all of us at points across the year. Please remember that if you have any concerns at any time, members of staff are always available at the start or end of the day.

## 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 5/6 children come in through the blue double doors on the far side of the junior playground. At the end of the day, children will be dismissed into the Junior Playground. Children in Y5/6 are allowed to make their own way home (adult permission must be given to school in written form at the beginning of the year) or may be collected from either playground by an adult - please let us know if you would like your child to walk around to the infant playground.

## Book Bags

All of the children must have a book bag, which needs to come to school with them every day. It is used for sending home letters, homework, reading books and library books. Please check it daily for anything new and empty it regularly. We have high aspirations for reading and appreciate your support in helping us to make every child a reader. We use Accelerated Reader and children have daily opportunities to change their books. Therefore, 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. There will be a spelling test each week.

### Reading

Children are expected to read at least 5 times a week and we will monitor this daily. We would actively encourage you to regularly 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 and English

Pupils will also be set a Times Table task and an additional homework task relating to maths or English. This could be an arithmetic activity or a reading or grammar task. We also set online homework using [spag.com](https://www.spag.com) - children are given an individual log in.

If there is a genuine reason 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 at school to ensure the work they are doing in class is consolidated. We offer a homework club to support this.

## School Uniform

At Vernon Park, we expect our children to maintain a high standard of appearance by wearing the correct school uniform.

The following options are available:

- School polo shirt / plain 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,
- Grey, white or navy tights or socks,
- 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 tie.



## PE

Year 5/6 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 the PE lesson. It is essential that your child has long hair tied back at all times.

All children in Key Stage 2 will participate in weekly swimming lessons: Year 5 in Autumn and Year 6 in Summer.

## 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 Upper Key Stage 2. We use this to inform you of current learning, upcoming trips and events and also for sharing interesting activities the children have taken part in. This is updated on a regular basis so please follow us! If you would prefer your child not to be featured please inform the school office.



## School Dinners

Our school dinners are provided by Dolce. They should be 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. Sweets, lollipops and fizzy drinks are not allowed in school.

## Snack

As a healthy school, we operate a fruit and vegetable only policy at break time in KS2.



## Reporting to Parents

Your child has on-going formative assessments throughout the year, with the children in Year 6 being assessed in May through the National SATs. The purpose of the SATs is to show what pupils have learnt and retained during their time 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 during KS2 in Maths and English.

All children are regularly assessed in their learning:

### English

Reading comprehension test, SPAG test and a writing assessment, which is teacher assessed. We also monitor Spelling and Reading ages.

### Maths

Arithmetic paper, Reasoning paper A, Reasoning paper B.

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 teacher assessment across the curriculum. Year 6 will also receive their official SATs results with their report.

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

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We can't wait to see you in September!

