



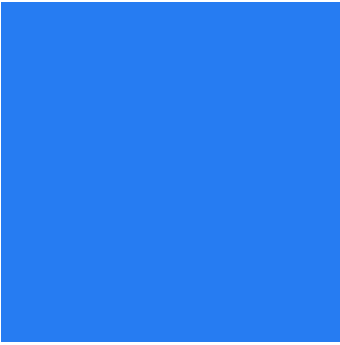
# Vernon Park Primary School



“An exciting  
place to learn,  
an exciting  
place to be!”



# Welcome to The Early Years Foundation Stage



# Welcome to the EYFS

At Vernon Park, we believe a child’s learning experience should be happy, active, exciting and fun. It should 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, by being active and through creative and critical thinking which takes place both indoors and outside. The Early Years are an exciting time for you and your family and they are very important stages of your child’s school journey.

## The Curriculum

The EYFS curriculum is split into 7 areas of learning. We provide our children with exciting, engaging activities to promote learning in all areas and to develop a lifelong love of learning.

The prime areas of learning			
Communication and Language	Physical Development	Personal, Social and Emotional Development.	
Specific areas of learning			
Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design

## What the day looks like

In the EYFS, children will take part in daily phonics and mathematics activities and, when appropriate, adult-directed activities. Children will also have lots of time to direct their own learning through play. They will move between the EYFS indoor and outdoor environments and they will be taught at different times of the day by different members of the EYFS team.

## School dinners

School dinners are free for children in the Early Years. School dinners are ordered from the website: <https://live-kitchen.co.uk/cashless/login.aspx> and from the SchoolGrid app. Please select your child’s meals in advance. If your child does not enjoy a particular meal choice, your class teacher will let you know or you will receive a slip from the lunchtime staff. Children do not need to bring a snack to school as fruit and milk are provided.

# Meet the Team



Mrs Lee  
Head Teacher



Miss Green  
Deputy Head Teacher



Miss Adams  
Nursery Teacher



Miss Pelmear  
Teaching Assistant



Miss Lee  
Teaching Assistant/HLTA



Mrs Stone  
S&L Teacher



Mrs Sweeney  
S&L Teacher



Mrs Atkins  
Teaching Assistant



Miss Dakin  
EYFS Lead/ Reception  
Teacher



Miss Barton  
Reception Teacher



Mrs Arthington  
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Thomas  
Teaching Assistant

# School Uniform

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

## Nursery



- Grey trousers/ navy jogging bottoms/ shorts
  - Grey or navy skirt/ grey or navy pinafore dress
  - Yellow polo t-shirt
  - Yellow sweatshirt
  - Yellow and white checked summer dress
  - Grey/ white/ navy socks or tights
  - Black shoes (not trainers or canvas shoes), Velcro fastenings unless your child can fasten shoelaces independently
- 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 small hair fastening

We ask that all items of clothing and equipment are **clearly labelled** with your child's name, including coats, lunch boxes and shoes. Lost items can then be returned easily.

## Reception



- Grey trousers/ shorts
- Grey or navy skirt/ grey or navy pinafore dress
- White or navy polo shirt (No tailored shirts or pale blue polo shirts)
- Navy sweatshirt/ navy cardigan
- Grey/ white/ navy socks or tights
- Black shoes (not trainers or canvas shoes), Velcro fastenings unless your child can fasten shoelaces independently.

## All



We spend time each day learning outdoors, whatever the weather. Therefore, it is important that your child has appropriate outdoor clothing. They will need:

- A warm, waterproof coat with a hood
- In Winter, a woolly hat, scarf and mittens
- In Summer, a sunhat which also covers the back of the neck
- Wellington boots and an all-in-one waterproof for our visits to the Environmental Area. **These will be kept in school.**

We will have a weekly Forest School session. On this day children should come to school in old clothes, not their school uniform. Teachers will provide more information about Forest School at the start of the year.



## Spare Clothing

Please provide a whole set of named clothing (including underwear, socks and shoes), so that we can change children in case of accidents or after messy play. These clothes do not need to be school uniform. Please send these to school in a named bag as they will be kept on your child's coat peg.

## Water Bottles

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 into their book bag in case of leakages and please only put water in the bottle, no juice.



## Book Bags

All children will need a book bag, which will come to school with them everyday. If you would like a school emblem book bag, these can be purchased through the office. Please ensure that your child's book bag is envelope style as we keep our bags in drawers and other bag styles do not fit. We will send home letters, children's work, homework and books in the book bag, so please check it daily for anything new and empty it regularly.



## Inhalers and Medication

If your child has asthma, please ensure that they bring an inhaler and spacer into school on their first day. These will be kept in school, so if you require an extra inhaler and spacer, please speak to your doctor. 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 term for you to check how much is left, monitor use by dates and to clean the spacer.

An adult must bring any other medication prescribed to your child to the school office. All medicines must be kept in their original packaging and be labelled with your child's name.



## Toileting

We expect that all children will be fully toilet trained, although we appreciate that some children may have medical difficulties. Support for toilet training can be found at [www.eric.org.uk](http://www.eric.org.uk). Please inform us if your child has any issue with regard to toileting themselves independently and we can share with you our intimate care policy and put you in contact with our School Nurse if appropriate.





## Dropping off and collecting your child.

At Vernon Park Primary School the school day runs from 8.45am - 3.15pm, with drop-off running from 8.45am to 8.55am. Nursery half days will run until 12.15pm in the morning and afternoon sessions will begin at 12.15pm.

All Early Years children come into school through the small gate on the left hand side of the main school building. Families should say goodbye at the gate where a member of the team will be waiting to greet your child.

At the end of the day families are invited into the school grounds to collect their children. Nursery families are asked to line up along the ramp and children will be released to you when you reach the door. In Reception, families are asked to come into the playground and wait around the tyres for children to be released. Please be patient as we learn everyone's family members to release children. It can take some time to begin with as we have lots of new faces to learn- we will speed up!

When we meet in September, we will ask you for a list of people who are allowed to collect your child from school. If anyone other than the people on this list are coming to collect, please let the office know so that they can pass this message on to the class teacher.

We have a Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club in our school hall. Information about this wraparound care is available from the school office for those families who need it.

# Support for families

## Class Dojo:

We use Class Dojo across the school as a classroom reward system. You can download the Class Dojo app to share your child's achievements. We will also use Class Dojo to send messages to families.

## Seesaw:

Our record of children's learning in the EYFS is collated in the form of an online journal called Seesaw. You can download the Seesaw app. We will be providing you with more information about this in September and we will be asking you to support us and contribute to your child's journal from home.

## Twitter:

We regularly post on Twitter with photos of children's work, reminders about school events, school news and Star of the Week photos.

**@vernonpark17** (Whole school feed)

**@vernonEyfs** (A feed dedicated to the Early Years classes)

**@VernonparkP** (Our PTA feed)

## Website:

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



Mrs Bommer is our Pastoral Manager and may contact you if you require support from outside agencies. She is in school from Monday – Wednesday.



Mrs Mickle is our Inclusion Manager. She will liaise with families of children with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) or English as an additional language (EAL).

# And finally...

The Early Years Team are here to support you and your family. If you have any questions or comments, please speak to us. We are usually available in the playground at the end of the day once the children have all been released, or you can contact us using the messaging on the Class Dojo app.

You should have received a welcome pack in the post and an invite to meet your teacher in September. Please read this leaflet and the information in your welcome pack carefully.

If you require any further information about starting school, please jot down your questions below and bring them along to your meeting in September.



We cannot wait to meet you all and we are looking forward to another exciting year in the Early Years Foundation Stage!

## Questions:

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