

7th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

I very much hope that you have all had a lovely summer despite the unseasonal weather at times, and that your children are looking forward to the new school year ahead.

As well as enjoying the summer holidays, the staff have been busy preparing for the new year by attending training: Medical Needs; Safeguarding; Keeping Children Safe in Education; and Menopause Training.

As you are aware, safeguarding your children and our whole school community is our most important role. Please do speak with us if you have any concerns about a child or adult; we are here to help and to keep everyone safe.

For the safety and well-being of our school community - particularly those with asthma - please refrain from smoking near the school gates and switch car engines off if stationary. If your child has asthma and has had to be administered additional inhaler puffs, please alert staff.

Continuing with the theme of safety, all earrings and watches must be removed for PE, swimming or dance.

To safeguard members of the school community with nut allergies, we are a strict nut free school. Please do not include any nut products (including Nutella products) in packed lunches or for snacks.

If you deem your child mature enough to walk to and from school alone, please email your written permission to: admin@vernonpark.stockport.sch.uk.

If your child requires their mobile phone/electronic device before or after school, please complete a permission form before sending this into school. Your child will be required to switch the mobile phone/electronic device off and hand it to the member of staff who will be collecting the mobile phones/electronic devices in the KS2 playground. School does not accept responsibility for mobile phones/electronic devices on school premises.

As you will be aware there is very little car parking space on the roads around our school. Worryingly, there were a number of 'near misses' last academic year. Please help us to keep our community safe and make use of the Park and Stride Scheme available to all. Contact the school office for a permit, which will entitle you to free parking at drop off and pickup times at Newbridge Lane car park.

There are still financial challenges for us all. Please do contact school via admin@vernonpark.stockport.sch.uk if you require a Food Bank Voucher to support your family or speak to Miss Brough, our Pastoral Manager. Our school uniform shop continues to

thrive. We have received many, many donations, thank you. If you need uniform, before buying new, please do contact Miss Brough to see if we have what you need in school.

We have a team of professionals who support our school community: a School Nurse; an Education Welfare Officer; a Linked Social Worker; and a School Age Plus Worker. Please do contact myself or Miss Brough if you feel we, or any of the team, can be of any help.

As always, if you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact school or your child's class teacher via Class Dojo or email (please do not expect an immediate response from teachers during the school day or when school is closed), or by telephoning the school office or in person.

Yours sincerely

Claire E Lee
Head Teacher