

# Vernon Park Primary School



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



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At Vernon Park, we aim to make our school a safe and friendly place where children are valued, nurtured and encouraged to thrive. Our school values of [Kindness and Empathy](#), [Friendship and Respect](#), [Honesty and Responsibility](#), [Tolerance and Fairness](#), [Support and Inclusion](#), [Challenge and Resilience](#) resonate through all areas of our curriculum and enhance our day-day experience. KS1 builds on the learning established in the Foundation Stage, promoting fluency in reading, writing and number skills.

## The Curriculum

Our broad and balanced curriculum is designed to promote progress in children's skills and knowledge through meaningful and purposeful learning experiences as we foster independence and gather skills and knowledge. Our timetable offers English (including writing, reading, grammar, spelling and handwriting), maths, science, PSHE, history, geography, computing, art, design technology, music, RE and PE. We continue to develop phonic awareness through regular Read Write Inc. sessions and promote a love of reading. Our curriculum provides rigour and challenge in all areas and promotes a growth mind-set.

## What the day looks like

In KS1, children work in streamed groups for morning phonics lessons. Children are assessed and regrouped regularly to ensure they are working within the correct level and continue to make good progress. Children have a morning play and lunchtime playground session with their year group. Apart from phonics, all other lessons are taught by your child's class teacher.

## Homework

In KS1, children are set weekly spelling homework on Spelling Shed (all individual platforms and logins will be sent home) and children are expected to read 5 times a week.

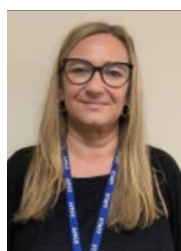
## School dinners

Children in KS1 are entitled to a free school meal. School dinners are prepared on site by Tony, our school cook, and should be ordered from the website: <https://live-kitchen.co.uk/cashless/login.aspx> or 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 are also able to bring a healthy snack to school to eat during their morning playtime.

# Meet the Team



Mrs. Lee  
CO-Head Teacher



Mrs Cheetham  
CO-Head Teacher



Miss Green  
Deputy Head Teacher



Mrs. Mickle  
Assistant Head Teacher  
and SENDCo



Miss. Brough  
Pastoral Manager



Mrs. Calhoun  
Phase Lead  
Y1/2 class teacher



Mrs. Johnson  
Y1/2 class teacher



Mrs. Mickle  
Y1/2 class teacher

Support Staff in our Classrooms.

The Teaching Assistants and Key Workers below support learning across our school:



Mrs Armstrong  
HLTA



Miss Meredith  
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.

Uniform	PE	Forest School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grey trousers (summer alternative - shorts) or grey/ navy skirt / pinafore dress (summer alternative - blue and white checked / striped summer dress)</li> <li>White school polo shirt (no tailored shirts or pale blue polo shirts)</li> <li>Navy sweatshirt / navy cardigan with school logo or plain</li> <li>Grey / white / navy socks or tights</li> <li>Plain black school shoes</li> <li>Navy/ black hair ties, clips or scrunchies.</li> <li>No jewellery, except small studs for children with their ears pierced</li> <li>For hygiene reasons, hair that is long enough <b>must</b> be worn tied back with a small hair fastening.</li> </ul>	<p>Children should wear their PE kits to school on their designated PE days. Class teachers will communicate more information in September.</p> <p>Black or navy tracksuit trousers / shorts. Non-branded.</p> <p>White t-shirt</p> <p>Outdoor trainers</p> <p>Indoor pumps</p> <p>A tracksuit for inclement weather</p> <p>PE lessons are a compulsory part of our curriculum and children <b>must</b> be suitable dressed for health and safety reasons.</p> <p><b>Earrings are to be removed before school.</b></p>	<p>KS1 spend time learning outdoors in our environmental area, whatever the weather. Therefore, it is important that your child has appropriate outdoor clothing.</p> <p>On Forest School days, they will need to wear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long-sleeved top and full-length trousers - children must have arms and legs covered</li> <li>A warm, waterproof coat with a hood</li> <li>A woolly hat, scarf and gloves</li> <li>Trainers or pumps to wear indoors</li> <li>Wellington boots or suitable outdoor walking shoes.</li> </ul> <p>They may also like to have all-in-one waterproof or waterproof trousers, although this is not compulsory.</p> <p>Outdoor shoes must be named and should be kept in school.</p> <p>Teachers will provide more information about Forest School at the start of the year.</p>

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. Unnamed lost property will be placed in the lost property box under the shelter in the playground. Unclaimed lost property disposed of at the end of each term.





## Book Bags and reading books

All children will need a book bag, which will come to school with them every day. 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.

Children have the opportunity to change their reading books regularly as needed and their library books once a week. Please ensure their reading book and diaries are in their bags every day.



## Inhalers and Medication

If your child has asthma, please ensure that they bring a full, in-date inhaler and spacer (if needed) into school on their first day. These must 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 clearly displayed. 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.

If your child needs to use their inhaler during the school day, staff will record the date and time of use and you will be informed.

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.

Staff cannot administer medicine to a child unless a medical form has been completed with the school office.



## Drop off and collection

The school day runs from 8.45am - 3.25pm. In the morning, children may be dropped off to the KS1 playground via the main gate from 8.45am, where teaching staff will greet them. Parent / Carers will not be able to access the playground before school. Children will be dismissed from the playground at 3.25pm where a parent / carer or known adult can collect them. If you require your child to be collected by anyone else, you **must** inform the school office in advance. Information about Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club is available from the school office for those families who require wraparound care.



## 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.

# Communication with families at home.

## 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. Class teachers will provide parent invitations in September. From September, we will use Class Dojo to communicate directly with families at home.

## Seesaw and the Google Classroom:

Our online learning platforms are Seesaw and Google Classroom. Your child will have a unique log in and QR code to allow you to access seesaw and login details for Google Classroom. Class teachers will be providing you with more information about this in September and will be asking you to support your child with their home learning.

## Twitter:

We regularly post on X (formally known as Twitter) with photos of children's work, reminders about school events, school news and Star of the Week photos.

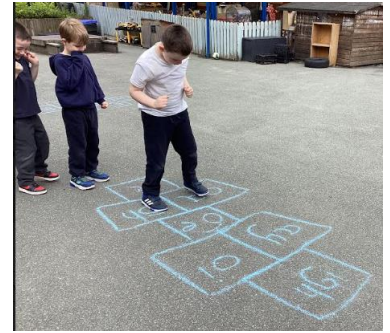
**@vernonpark17** (Whole school feed)

**@VernonKs1** (A feed dedicated to the KS1 classes)

**@VernonparkPTA** (Our PTA feed)

## Website:

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



Mrs. Brough is our Pastoral Manager. She offers a family drop in service from 8.30am – 9.30am on a Wednesday.



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

# And finally...

The KS1 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 each day. You can message us on Dojo too. All members of staff will endeavor to answer queries promptly within the normal working hours of the school week.

If you require any further information about starting school, please jot down your questions below to ask one of the team in September.

We cannot wait to meet you all and we are looking forward to another exciting year in KS1!

Questions:

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