

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](#), and [Challenge and Resilience](#) resonate through all areas of our curriculum and enhance our day to day experience. UKS2 begins the final chapter of primary school and is a time to develop a more independent attitude towards learning and personal development.

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 journey towards the national assessment point, SATs, at the end of Y6. Our timetable offers English (including writing, reading, grammar, spelling and handwriting), maths (including arithmetic and times tables), science, PSHE, history, geography, computing, art, design technology, music, RE, PE and French, providing rigour and challenge in all areas and promoting a growth mind-set. We provide opportunities to work both independently and collaboratively, aspiring to develop a life-long love of learning.

What the Day Looks Like

In UKS2, children have daily English and mathematics lessons, taught in flexible groupings, which are adaptive for children's need, as well as discrete reading, arithmetic, times tables and grammar sessions. We work as a phase and children are likely to be taught by all the UKS2 class teachers at some point in the year. Children have the majority of morning sessions in flexible groupings and afternoon lessons with their form group. Children have a morning play and lunchtime playground session with their whole year group. We also aim to have a daily smile-for-a-mile run and other active learning opportunities across the school day to promote wellbeing and readiness for learning.

Homework

In UKS2, children are set online learning tasks weekly for spelling (Spelling Shed) and times tables (TT Rockstars) (all individual platforms and logins will be sent home in September). This is in addition to the expectation of daily reading. In Year 6, children will be provided additional opportunities for home learning to support their progress and attainment in readiness for High School.

School Dinners

School dinners are prepared on site by Tony and Lusi, our school cooks, 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. If preferred, children may bring a packed lunch in a named container. Please remember we are a healthy school and are completely nut-free.



Meet the Team



Mrs. Lee
Head Teacher



Mrs. Cheetham
Head Teacher



Miss Green
Deputy Head Teacher
UKS2 Phase Leader
Y5/6 class teacher



Mrs. Stone
Forest School Teacher



Mrs. Mickle
Assistant Head Teacher
and SENDCo



Miss Brough
Pastoral Manager



Miss Brierley
Y5/6 class teacher



Miss Ridgway
Y5/6 class teacher

Class based support staff in our school



Miss Bohuslaw
Mrs. Armstrong
Miss Lee
Mr. Roscoe
Mrs. Ford
Mrs. Singleton
Mrs. Smith
Miss Vesey
Miss Slack
Miss Moffat
Miss Jones
Miss Meredith
Miss Elliot
Mrs. Thomas
Mrs. Arthington
Miss Humphrey
Mrs. Pelmear
Mrs. Atkins
Ms. Fedrigo

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

- Grey trousers (summer alternative – shorts) or grey/ navy skirt / pinafore dress (summer alternative – blue and white checked / striped summer dress)
- White school polo shirt (no tailored shirts or pale blue polo shirts)
- Navy sweatshirt / navy cardigan with school logo or plain
- Grey / white / navy socks or tights
- Plain black school shoes
- Navy/ black hair ties, clips or scrunchies.



PE

- Plain black / grey or navy tracksuit trousers / knee-length shorts
- Plain white t-shirt
- Outdoor trainers
- A tracksuit for inclement weather

Children should wear their PE kits into school on their designated PE days. Class teachers will communicate which days the children will be taught PE at the beginning of each term via Class Dojo.

Children in Y6 and Y5 swim for a term each year. Further information about swimming will be shared via the school website and parent email. Children with long hair are encouraged to wear a swimming hat.

PE lessons are a compulsory part of our curriculum and children **must** be suitable dressed for health and safety reasons.

- No jewellery, except small studs for children with their ears pierced. Children must be able to remove earrings themselves for PE and swimming. Larger studs, hoops or dangling earrings are not allowed in any circumstance.
- Watches or FitBits may be worn (providing they do not have photo-taking facilities), but are worn at the owners' risk as school will not accept liability for lost or broken items.
- For hygiene reasons, hair that is long enough, **must** be worn tied back with a small hair fastening

Children should come into school wearing their PE kits on PE days. Class Teachers will notify parents at the start of each term which days PE is taught.

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. Lost property is stored in the safe box in the KS2 playground. Unclaimed and unnamed lost property will be disposed of at the end of each term if not claimed.

Forest School

UKS2 spend time learning outdoors in our environmental area, whatever the weather. Therefore, it is important that your child has appropriate outdoor clothing.

On Forest School days, they will need to wear:

- Long-sleeved top and full length trousers - children must have arms and legs covered
- A warm, waterproof coat with a hood
- A woolly hat, scarf and gloves
- Trainers or pumps to wear indoors
- Wellington boots or suitable outdoor walking shoes.

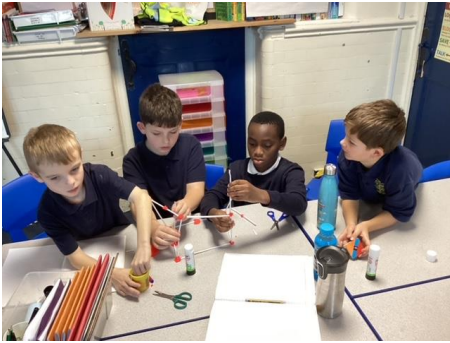
They may also like to have an all-in-one waterproof or waterproof trousers, although this is not compulsory.

Outdoor shoes must be named and should be kept in school.

Teachers will provide more information about Forest School at the start of the year.

Drop Off and Collection

The school day runs from 8.55am - 3.25pm. In the morning, children may be dropped off in the KS2 playground 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 parents may meet them, playground gates will open at 3.20pm. Children in UKS2 are allowed to make their own way home independently, providing parent /carers have given written permission. Information about Breakfast Club and After School 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.

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.

We will send all correspondence, as well as reading books and diaries, home in book bags, so please check it daily for anything new and empty it regularly.

UKS2 use the Accelerated Reader scheme and children will be provided with a log-in and appropriate level of reading book from the school library. More information about Accelerated Reader will be shared in September.

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.



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. We also use Class Dojo to communicate directly with families at home.

Seesaw

Our online learning platform is Seesaw. Your child will have a unique log in and QR code to allow you to access seesaw. Class teachers will be providing you with more information about this in September and will be asking you to support your child by viewing and commenting on their work. We will also be trialing reporting reading via Seesaw.

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)

@Vernon56KS2 (A feed dedicated to the UKS2 classes)

@VernonparkPTA (Our PTA feed)

Website:

www.vernonpark.stockport.sch.uk



Spelling Shed and TT Rockstars

Research shows that constantly revisiting new knowledge and revising learnt facts help to embed learning in children's long-term memory. Please support your child to regularly practice these skills.



Miss Brough is our Pastoral Manager who works closely with children and families who require additional support. 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 UKS2 team are here to support you and your family. If you have any questions or comments, please speak to us. We are available in the playground each morning and at the end of each day, however, you are also able to contact us via Twitter or by using Seesaw and Class Dojo. 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 UKS2!



Questions:



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