

9<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

It was lovely to welcome all four bubbles back into school this week and we look forward to a term full of learning and fun. Hot dinners have also resumed, making school feel a little more normal for the children.

### **Face Coverings and Social Distancing**

Thank you to the parents and carers who have socially distanced and worn a face covering when dropping off and collecting children from school. Please remember that Government guidance should be followed at all times and we recommend that children do not congregate in the park before or after school.

### **Ventilation & Warm Clothing**

As it is getting colder and we must continue to ventilate the school (a protective measure against Covid-19), please make sure that your children always have a warm coat with them during the school day. At times they may wish to wear them in the classrooms - even though the heating is on. It might be an idea too for the children to wear vests and/or T-shirts underneath their uniforms as the temperature outside continues to drop. Hats, gloves and scarves may be brought into school if required as well: please ensure all items are named.

### **Lost Property**

Please do name your children's belongings as our lost property pile continues to grow. In this current climate, unnamed water bottles will have to be disposed of if left unclaimed.

### **Inset Dates**

The planned inset days on the 1st & 2nd of September became preparation days to ensure our school was Covid-19 secure as advised by the LA and did not function as Inset Days. Therefore, the two Inset Days in their place will be on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021. School will be closed to children on both days while staff receive training.

### **Complaints**

Sadly, I have received complaints from the local community relating to the noise level of parents and carers while waiting from early afternoon to collect children from school. A further complaint was raised relating to parents and carers using the alley opposite school as a toilet for young children to urinate. Stockport Local Authority also received the complaints and I have been asked to write to you all and ask that those of you who this relates to respect our neighbours and consider the appropriateness of your actions. Thank you.

### **Home Learning**

As you know it is a requirement that we provide home learning for children who need to self-isolate. Please click the link below to complete a survey so that we can ascertain which families may need to borrow computing equipment from school to enable their children to access the home learning during self-isolation.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfUXXz55GaalL\\_Y7AVHu5Lsd3hVq-Ex10iQCDNNSCJcJgPruQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfUXXz55GaalL_Y7AVHu5Lsd3hVq-Ex10iQCDNNSCJcJgPruQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

As well as Dojo, KS1 & KS2 children are beginning to use Google Classroom. The parent guide will be on the web-site shortly along with the Home Learning Policy to support the platform move.

### **Lockdown 5th November 2020 - 2nd December 2020**

Government guidance for the current lockdown has now been published. Our current risk assessment, which can be viewed on the website, will be reviewed again and updated where necessary to ensure we are as Covid-19 Secure as possible. Unfortunately, this will mean that After School Sports Clubs with Mr Matthews cannot go ahead this half term: please contact the office to collect your refund.

### **Covid-19**

- Please do not send your child into school if they are unwell with any Covid-19 symptoms.
- Book a test for your child.
- Your family must isolate until a negative result is returned. In the case of a positive test, self-isolate for 14 days from the onset of the Covid-19 symptoms and contact the school as soon as is possible, with your test result by email to: [admin@vernonpark.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@vernonpark.stockport.sch.uk)
- If your child has a positive test result they will be able to return after ten days from the onset of symptoms as long as they have been fever free for the 48 hours before returning to school.

### **Parents Evening**

Hopefully, Parents Evening will take place using a new online system over the following four evenings from 3:30pm - 6:00pm:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - EYFS & LKS2

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November - KS1 & UKS2

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November - EYFS & LKS2

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November - KS1 & UKS2

More details to follow.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me if I, or any of the Vernon Park team, can be of any assistance.

Take care

Claire E Lee  
Head Teacher

## Academic Year 2020/2021 - **UPDATED**

### Autumn Term

<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020</b>
<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020</b>
<b>School Opens</b>	<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020</b>
<b>Half Term Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b>
<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020</b>
<b>School Opens</b>	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020</b>
<b>TERM ENDS</b>	<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020</b>

### January 2021

<b>School Opens</b>	<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>
<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021</b>
<b>School Opens</b>	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>
<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>
<b>School Opens</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021</b>
<b>Half Term Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021</b>
<b>School Opens</b>	<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021</b>
<b>TERM ENDS</b>	<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021</b>

### Spring Term

### Summer Term

<b>School Opens</b>	<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b>
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021</b>
<b>School Opens</b>	<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b>
<b>Whit Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>
<b>School Opens</b>	<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>
<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021</b>
<b>School Opens</b>	<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021</b>
<b>TERM ENDS</b>	<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021</b>
<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021</b>