

25th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your families are well and are keeping active and busy as we start plotting the route to the return of normal life with the new Government Road Map. For many of us, this third lockdown has been a particularly difficult time. Despite these challenges, our school community has benefited from the dedication of all staff together with your efforts to support the wellbeing of stakeholders and to support the children with home learning.

It is very pleasing to be able to write that Vernon Park will be fully re-opening to all pupils from Monday 8th March. In line with Government advice, this also includes our Breakfast and After School Clubs.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

If you require Breakfast and/or After School Club sessions from 8th March, please book through the School Money system as usual. Breakfast Club opens at 8am with breakfast being served until 8:30am. After School Club commences straight after school and closes at 5:30pm Monday to Thursday and 5:20pm on Friday.

School Opening and Closing times for the Phases

We will be continuing with the staggered start and finish to the day. Please see the table below as a reminder, after such a long break.

YEAR GROUP	ENTRANCE/COLLECTION	START TIME	FINISH TIME
Nursery	EYFS/KS1 Gate	9:15am	3:15pm
Reception	EYFS/KS1 Gate	9:15am	3:15pm
Years 1 & 2	EYFS/KS1 Gate	8:55am	3:00pm
Years 3 & 4	Main Gate	9:05am	3:25pm
Years 5 & 6	Main Gate	8:45am	3:05pm

Children who have a sibling starting at an **earlier time** may come into school with their sibling through the same entrance and remain in the hall with their phase bubble until their year group's designated start time.

Children who have a sibling finishing at an **earlier time** may be collected at the same time.

If your child misses their start time please take them to the main entrance and telephone the office to gain admittance.

Unfortunately, we are still unable to allow parents / carers into school until it is safe to do so.

Park and Stride

As you are aware, parking around Vernon Park is extremely challenging. Stockport Council have offered a 'Park and Stride' scheme. By displaying a permit obtained from the school office, you will be able to park in Millgate Pay and Display Car Park between 8:30am - 9:30am, and 2:45pm - 3:45pm free of charge, during term time only. I would like to thank Councillor Foster who has been instrumental in organising this for us. I am sure you will agree that this provides a much safer and healthier option for the whole school community. The school will require your child's name, the driver's name and your car registration. If more than one adult

regularly drops off and collects your child by car, they too may have a permit. Please complete the survey using the link below, if you require a permit. Names will not be on the permit - only your car registration number.

<https://forms.gle/WGJ4zcCNC9d377VGA>

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place week beginning Monday 15th March, using School Cloud. This will be an opportunity for you to speak with your child's class teacher. A text will be sent to you when the system goes live, allowing you to book your 10 minute appointment.

Wellbeing Wednesday

During the last few weeks of lockdown, Wellbeing Wednesday across the whole school has been a huge success, boosting the morale of families who are home schooling, as well as pupils and staff in school. We intend to continue this for the remainder of this half term, therefore Y1 to Y6 children may wear suitable outdoor clothes on Wednesdays. EYFS children should wear suitable outdoor clothes on Mondays ready for Forest Schools.

And finally...

Thank you for your kind words and messages of support to our staff who have been instrumental in supporting our home learning offer and the wellbeing of all. If you require any further help or support, or have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Vernon Park staff team. I look forward to welcoming you all back on 8th March.

Until then take care,

Claire E Lee
Head Teacher