



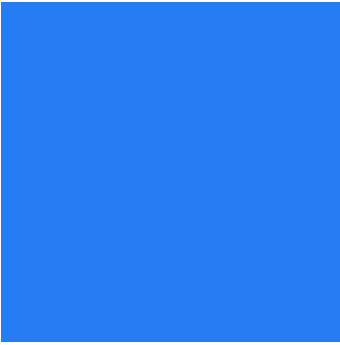
# Vernon Park Primary School



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



# Welcome to KS1



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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 and times tables, 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 begin the day with handwriting practice before working in their streamed groups for the rest of the morning for maths, English and RWI. Children are streamed by year group and the child's level of development, meaning children are likely to be taught by all the KS1 class teachers at some point in the year. Children have a morning play and lunchtime playground session with their year group. Apart from English and maths, all other lessons are taught by your child's class teacher. We have two PE lessons a week, one of which will be with the sports coach.

## 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 – Head Teacher



Miss Green – Deputy Head Teacher



Mrs Calhoun  
KS1 Phase Leader & Y1/1 teacher



Miss Brierley  
Y1/2 teacher

Mrs Johnson  
Y1/2 teacher



Mrs Armstrong  
HLTA



Mrs Singleton  
Teaching Assistant



Miss Gaskell  
Teaching Assistant



Miss Meredith  
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Welsh  
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Arsalan  
Teaching Assistant



Miss Spence  
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Thomas  
Teaching Assistant

Mrs Fedrigo  
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

- Boys - Grey trousers (summer alternative - shorts)
- Girls - Grey or navy skirt/ grey or navy 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
- Black shoes (not trainers or canvas shoes).
- Navy hair ties, clips or scrunchies.

## PE

- Black / grey or navy tracksuit trousers / shorts
- White t-shirt
- Outdoor trainers
- Indoor pumps
- A tracksuit for inclement weather

During the current climate, PE kits will not be brought into and left in school; instead children should wear their PE kits all day on their designated PE days. Class teachers will communicate more information in September.

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
- For hygiene reasons, hair that is long enough **must** be worn tied back with a small hair fastening

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. Unclaimed and unnamed lost property will be disposed of at the end of each term.

## Forest School

Y1 spend time during the Autumn Term learning outdoors in our environmental area, whatever the weather. Therefore, it is important that your child has appropriate outdoor clothing.

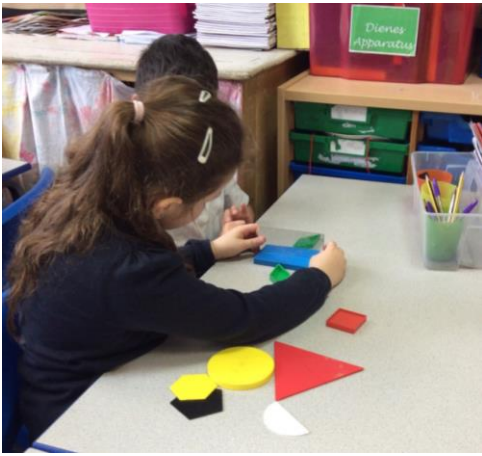
On Forest School days, they will need to wear:

- Long-sleeved top and full length trousers - children must have arms and legs covered
- A waterproof coat with a hood in case of rain
- A warm hat, scarf and gloves / mittens
- 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 will be kept in school through the Autumn Term.

Teachers will provide more information about Forest School next academic year.



## Drop off and collection

The school day runs from 8.55am - 3.15pm. 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 3.15pm 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.



## Book Bags and reading books

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

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.

# 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 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)

**@VernonparkP** (Our PTA feed)

## Website:



Mrs Bommer is our Pastoral Manager and may contact you if you require support from outside agencies. She is in school from Monday – Wednesday.



Mrs Mickle is our Inclusion Manager. She will liaise with families of children with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) 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 each morning and at the end of each day.

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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