



Vernon Park Primary School Home School Agreement

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Dear Parent / Carer

At Vernon Park Primary School we are dedicated to creating an inclusive culture of learning, where all children will be challenged to achieve to the best of their abilities and become lifelong learners.

We aim to empower our children to fulfil their potential, be happy, prosperous and to play a valuable role as part of our school community.

This is achieved most effectively when all staff, parents/carers and children work in partnership, understand their responsibilities and work together toward a shared goal. The roles and responsibilities are detailed in our home/school agreement.

Please retain this booklet for your information.

Thank you for your continued support



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Home School Agreement

School's role:

Our School will:

- Care for your child's safety and welfare, emotionally, mentally, socially and physically.
- Provide your child with a high standard of education, informed by rigorous national guidelines and delivered within a balanced and engaging wider curriculum.
- Ensure that our learning environment is attractive, welcoming, stimulating and challenging.
- Celebrate your child's academic and personal achievements.
- Provide the scaffolding needed to enable your child to achieve their full potential, academically and as a valued member of our school community.
- Teach your child to develop a positive sense of responsibility and a caring attitude to one another, regardless of gender, race, culture, belief, values, age and need.
- Encourage your child to become an active member within our community and help them to see that they can have an impact on the world around them.
- Meet with you to communicate the progress of your child, celebrating their strengths and explaining how we can support them in their areas for development.
- Ensure a member of staff is available at the start and end of the day to discuss day to day matters and offer more formal meetings.
- Contact parents with any concerns or problems affecting children's work, including issues arising with attendance or punctuality.
- Provide information to keep you informed about our school, including relevant policies, meetings, workshops, activities, newsletters and open days, through regular correspondence and social media.
- Welcome parents and carers into the school if you would like to contribute to our school's broader curriculum.
- Set achievable homework to extend the curriculum and provide the opportunity for independent learning. Clear information will be provided so that you will be able to help your child if required.
- Provide information and helpful training sessions and workshops for you that will give you confidence to support your child.

Parents/Carers role:

As a Parent/Carer I will:

- Ensure my child arrives at school between 8.45am and 8.55am prepared to start their learning. They will be wearing named school uniform, PE kit or Forest School Clothes
- Do my very best to provide a safe, secure and happy environment at home for my child, acknowledging that they learn at home and discussing their school life with them.
- Let the school know of any concerns or worries that may be affecting my child's learning, behaviour or ability to do homework, as soon as possible.

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- Support the school by encouraging my child to develop a positive attitude towards one another and towards their education.
- Attend meetings with my child's teacher and other staff, aiming to be positive and productive, working towards moving my child on in their learning.
- Support and ensure the behaviour and relationships policy of the school are maintained by my child.
- Read all information sent home as this gives me important details of relevant policies, meetings, workshops, activities, newsletters and open days.
- Support the school by making sure that homework tasks are completed and returned on time, and read with my child 5 times each week.
- Support my child's learning by following the school policies on reading at home.
- Support and respect the Visitor's Code of Conduct whilst in school.
- Be respectful to other parents/carers, staff and members of the community, taking responsibility for my child and my own conduct on the way to and from school.
- Support the school's policy on Charging and Remissions, including payments for lost or damaged equipment.
- Inform the school if my child is absent.

Pupils' role:

As a pupil I will:

- Respect other children's culture, race, feelings, beliefs and values.
- Accept responsibility for the things that I do.
- Be responsible for my school and homework.
- Ask for help if I need it and try my best in all that I do.
- Ensure I take home my learning log, reading books and any letters.
- Be kind, respectful and polite to everyone in school.
- Take good care of the building, equipment and school grounds.
- Behave in a safe way.
- Be helpful.
- Tell a member of staff if I am worried or unhappy.

By following the School Rules:

- Be kind and helpful
- Be polite and respect everyone
- Look after our school and everything in it
- Have a growth mindset
- Be the best you can be

I understand that I have rights with the school:

To be treated kindly; To be listened to; To be helped; To have a friend; To play and join in games; To be happy; To feel wanted; To be safe; To be special.

And living by our school values:

- Kindness and empathy
- Friendship and respect
- Honesty and responsibility
- Tolerance and fairness
- Support and inclusion
- Challenge and resilience



Rules for Online Safety

The use of computers and access to the Internet is an essential part of our curriculum. We teach e-safety through our computing curriculum. Please share our school's SMART Rules for Responsible Internet Use with your child.

Stay safe online

Remember the 5 SMART rules when using the internet and mobile phones.

- S SAFE:** Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.
- M MEET:** Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.
- A ACCEPTING:** Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!
- R RELIABLE:** Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are. Make sure you check information before you believe it.
- T TELL:** Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.



Using Images of Children

Why do we need your consent?

Photographs and video images constitute 'personal data' and the processing of such data is subject to the requirements of the UK General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). To comply with these regulations Vernon Park Primary School obtain your consent so that we may use photographs and video recordings of your child.

Without your consent, Vernon Park Primary School will not use images or videos of your child in the public domain. Similarly, if there are only certain conditions under which you would like images or videos of your child to be used, the school will abide by the conditions you outline in this form.

Vernon Park Primary School does take an image of your child every year for safeguarding purposes, which it does not require consent for. These are in line with the School's duty of care needs, are kept securely and not used for any other purposes without your consent.

Only images of children in suitable dress will be recorded and shared. Please note staff are not permitted to take photographs or videos on their personal equipment.

Vernon Park Primary School sometimes use external photographers to take images. All photographers sign agreements which ensure compliance with UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act and adhere to our safeguarding practices. Any images taken will only be used for a specific purpose and external photographers will never be allowed unsupervised access to children.

What will we be using images/videos for?

We use images and videos of pupils for a number of reasons which include; school displays within the school building to celebrate school life and pupils' achievements, to promote the school on social media, the school website, and for other publicity purposes in printed publications, such as newspapers.

Where the school uses images of individual pupils, the full name of the pupil will not be disclosed. Where an individual pupil is named in a written publication, a photograph of the pupil will not be used to accompany the text. If, for example, a pupil has won an award and their parent would like their name to be published alongside their image, separate consent will be obtained prior to this.

How we process your information?

Vernon Park Primary School collects data from parents and pupils in order to support learning and the delivery of education, monitor pupil progress, provide the appropriate level of care and to comply with statutory obligations. Personal data will only be kept for as long as the law specifies, or where unspecified, personal data will be kept for the length of time determined by our business requirements.

Vernon Park Primary School are committed to protecting personal data from security threats, whether internal or external, deliberate or accidental. Our processing activities are overseen by our Data Protection Officer, whom you can contact with the following details:

Karen Lane

IGSchoolSupport@stockport.gov.uk

0161 474 4299



School Visits

We find taking the children on educational visits into the local community and beyond is a great way to engage them with their curriculum and create exciting and memorable learning experiences.

For visits further afield, you will be notified in advance and asked to complete a consent form relating to that specific visit. For some visits we must request a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of the transport and/or the experience. We are able to request reduced contributions from pupils in receipt of pupil premium. If you require assistance to help you to cover associated costs, please come and discuss this with school staff. Unfortunately, if the cost of a school visit is not covered by contributions, visits may need to be cancelled.

All visits are organised following Local Authority guidelines. Children are always accompanied by the appropriate number of staff and transport, if required, will be on public transport, or will be booked with approved coach companies.



Effective Communication

In an effort to provide effective communication we use the Teachers2Parent text and email system. There is no need for families to register and, provided we have a current mobile telephone number and email address for you in our records, we will be able to contact you with general information via this service. Please be assured that this service is FREE to you as the recipient. Teachers2Parents is registered with the Data Protection Act 2018 and guarantees that all information you provide will not be passed on to any other organisation.



Religious Education

As a non-denominational community school, Vernon Park celebrates all religions equally. The teaching of Religious Education is part of the national curriculum and will be delivered equally, irrespective of personal faith. This will involve regular RE lessons and acts of communal worship including the celebration of various religious festivals throughout the year, where all children will be expected to participate in singing and other traditional activities.



Consent Form

Child's Name..... **Class**.....

Using Images of Children

Listed below are the conditions for which we may use photos of your child. Please provide your consent as appropriate by ticking either 'Yes' or 'No' for each criteria.

The school will only publish images and videos of your child for the conditions you have consented to by ticking the 'Yes' option below.

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| I am happy for the school to take photographs/videos of my child for internal use | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I am happy for photos/videos of my child to be used on the school website | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I am happy for the photos/videos of my child to be used for promotional material | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I am happy for the photos/videos to be used on the school twitter feeds | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I am happy for photos/videos of my child to be used in the media | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I am happy for photos of my child to be taken by the school photographer | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I am happy for photos including my child to be shared with school families within the Seesaw or Class Dojo apps | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

Parent / Carer Signature.....

Parent / Carer Name..... Date.....

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I / We agree to adhere to the Home School Agreement.

Parent / Carer Signature.....

Parent / Carer Name..... Date.....

School Visits

I / We agree to my / our child taking part in local community visits.

Parent / Carer Signature.....

Parent / Carer Name..... Date.....

Effective Communication

I / We agree to the school using my mobile number and email address via Teachers2Parents to provide effective communications.

Parent / Carer Signature.....

Parent / Carer Name..... Date.....

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Exemption from Religious Education lessons, acts of communal worship or celebration of all religious festivals must be made in writing to the school.

Face Painting

We occasionally have events at school where face painting / stick on tattoos may be available to your child.

I would like my child to participate in any face painting / tattoo activities: **Yes** **No**

Please note that this consent form will be in effect for the duration of your child's attendance at Vernon Park Primary School unless the school is otherwise notified in writing by Parent/Guardian.