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Dear Parents and Carers,

ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM - CLASSDOJO

I am writing to tell you about the exciting new online learning platform that will be launched from Monday 29th June to support home schooling, homework and learning in the months ahead (depending on government guidelines for September).

ClassDojo is a secure communication platform that teachers, students and families can use every day to build communities by sharing what's being learned in the classroom and home through photos, videos and messages.

We will use ClassDojo from Nursery all the way through to Year 6. It is secure and personal to our school and provides information in an easy to use format similar to Twitter and Facebook. You can visit www.ClassDojo.com/privacycenter to see how ClassDojo protects the entire community of teachers and pupils.

Portfolios

ClassDojo Portfolios are digital student portfolios that allow children to share classwork with their teachers and family. Children can add to their portfolio using laptops and/or iOS/Android devices. Teachers can view and approve student work on Portfolios. Students can create and upload photos, videos, drawings, and journal entries through ClassDojo, and can also upload Microsoft Office files, PDFs, and image files from any laptop. Parents and teachers can leave positive feedback in the form of a like and/or comments. It provides a platform for feedback for the child and parents about the work the child has done at home (and at school too if there is something to share with parents at home).

Class and School Stories

Stories are instantly updating streams of messages, pictures and videos similar to a Twitter-style timeline. Every class and school have their own Story, all of which are shared with parents. School Story helps teachers to share with all families connected to their school while Class Story helps teachers to share with all families connected to their class.

Messages

Messages allow teachers and parents to instantly message each other, without needing to share phone numbers or contact details. "Quiet Hours" will be set to allow teachers set times away so parents know when they are not available. Messages sent out of hours will not be seen by the teacher until the next working day. Teachers will aim to answer messages with three working days. These should be about the child's work in their portfolio, not general messages that should be directed through the school office.

Dojo Points

Some teachers use ClassDojo to promote positive behaviours in their classroom and so many children will already be familiar with this online platform. Each child gets a monster avatar, and teachers can award Dojo Points for things such as staying on task, fantastic teamwork or brilliant homework. We have chosen not to share Dojo points with parents



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at this time. Children in school will know their points and the reward systems used by the teachers e.g. extra minutes for playtime.

What can ClassDojo be used for?

Connecting with your child's teacher on ClassDojo will allow you to do the following:

- Safely communicate with your child's teacher about their learning
- View, like, and comment on the pictures and/or videos that your child's teacher posts to Class Story
- View, like, and comment on the pictures, videos, text entries, and/or drawings that your child or child's teacher post to your child's Portfolio
- View whole-school news posted to School Story, once this begins to be used

You will receive a letter on Monday 29th June with a **unique code** that will allow you to connect to your child's ClassDojo classroom and teacher. This will be the same class teacher for your child as before the school closure period. The work for your child will still be accessed through Dropbox until the end of term. I have put the links to Dropbox below for you to access the work packs for your child. For those children who are home schooling, there will not be any additional work packs uploaded onto ClassDojo, but you will be able to upload the work they have done that day for the teacher to see.

Dropbox links are:

Early Years

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/uc02fp1w42trccz/AACugg8DbmYE1yr0i9wWAv33a?dl=0>

Key Stage 1

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/n9kbu529d4uf4g8/AAAbua9NxMa8iZtVr9I3JgDYa?dl=0>

Lower Key Stage 2

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/r3p3d1ir7c7w6rx/AAA8QVF4_29RrBKifrFcMiFna?dl=0

Upper Key Stage 2

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/kb7dnk9wcceq8vu/AADPBfR49f_bQPNk7Pe6rpbWa?dl=0

We continue to be amazed at all the wonderful home schooling that has been going on and we are very grateful for everything you have done during the last few challenging weeks to continue the education of your child(ren). If your child would like some feedback from the teachers about the work they have been doing at home, please bring the work to the school office in a named bag. After being quarantined, the teachers will mark and give a feedback comment on ClassDojo to your child about the work they have completed at home.

I hope you and your child will enjoy using ClassDojo to support learning at home. If you need any support accessing ClassDojo for your child, please let school know and a member of staff will contact you to help.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H F Richardson
Headteacher