

Dear Parents and Carers,



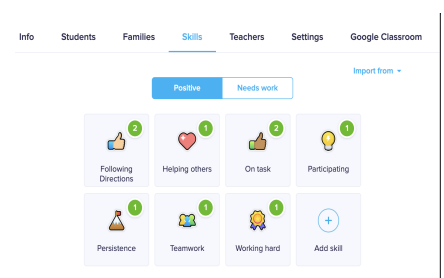
RE: Exciting new communication platform in Years 1-6: Class Dojo

What is Class Dojo?

In response to our parent survey around improving communication, we will be using the Class Dojo App in Years 1-6. This will replace Google Classroom and class emails. Class Dojo is a behaviour and communication platform that links parents and school together to celebrate successes and strengthen the supportive network that is around your child. It also allows, through the use of Dojo Points (or dojos), teachers to reward positive behaviours and good work whilst providing a place to share photos and notes about the work that is going on in school.

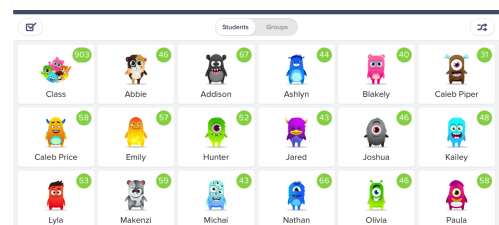
Reward System

As the children progress through the year, their teacher will be rewarding merit points/Dojo points when they see some positive learning behaviours in action. Although Class Dojo has a negative points system where Dojo points can be removed, we will not be using it this year. School Council has chosen special certificates when children reach 50, 100, 150 and 200 dojos. These certificates will be handed out in Celebration Assembly. When parents login to the app, they will be able to see what their child has been given dojo points for.



Dojo Characters

Every child in each class has their own Dojo Monster avatar which, when you connect your parent account, the pupils can customise. The monsters are assigned at random when your child's account is created, and the staff can create special avatar collections as an additional reward.



Communication in Your First Language

Class Dojo allows parents to automatically translate messages into their first language. You can send your child's class teacher a quick message and they can reply directly to you. Dojo doesn't replace the usual methods of reporting pupil absence - you'll still need to contact the office directly - but, if your child has had a poor night's sleep, the family hamster has gone missing or anything else has happened that might mean that your child might be feeling under the weather, anxious or upset, you can give your child's teacher the heads-up.

Class Story

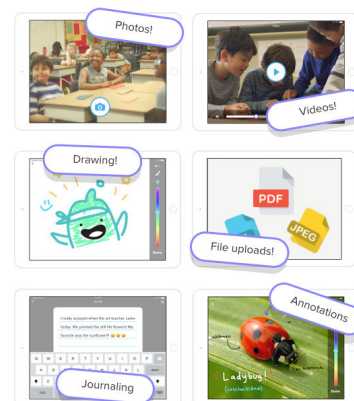
By connecting to your child, you will also see the "Class Story" which is a wall of announcements that only parents/carers in that class can view. It is not connected to any social media platforms. Your child's class may post reminders as well class photos of what is happening in the classroom. ***If you choose to allow photos of your child to be shared in Class Story, you must give consent on the parent portal.***

Pupil Portfolio

Once you are connected to your child's account, you will be able to see posts on their personal Pupil Profile- a place to celebrate work and achievement. Pupils will be able to photograph work, draw pictures, record explanations and write text. Your child can add to their portfolio from home too. All portfolio items need your child's teacher to approve them, just to make sure the most appropriate items make it. Home learning grids will be posted in your child's pupil portfolio, along with any resources.

What do you need to do?

- You will need to either download the Class Dojo app from your device's app store or go to the classdojo.com website.
- You will need to set up a parent account using your personal email address. We'll send you a code so that you can connect your account to your child once consent has been given.



Is there anything else I should know?

Don't forget that, throughout the day, your child's teacher will be teaching so you are more likely to receive a reply to messages you send after the school day has ended. Further information is available at: <https://classdojo.zendesk.com/>

Attached to this letter is a copy of the Class Dojo Policy. Please log into the Parent Portal to agree to follow the school's Class Dojo policy. Once consent has been given, you will receive your child's login ready for September. (Parental agreement and consent Class Dojo.)

Please note, if you agree to images of your child being shared on "Class Story" you must also give consent on Parent Portal as well. (Class Dojo consent for images.)

We are very excited about what this is going to mean for our school. If you have any questions about Class Dojo, please speak to your child's class teacher or myself. ...

A copy of the School's Class Dojo Policy will be shared with you via email.

<https://www.classdojo.com/en-gb/privacy/?redirect=true>

Best Wishes

Mrs Bradley Deputy Headteacher