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### USE OF CLASS DOJO

Dear Parents/Carers,

As a school we are always looking for ways to communicate effectively with our families and ensure that you are as involved as possible in your child's school learning experience and journey.

We have been looking at platforms that enable us to enhance our offer and would also support a remote learning experience should it be required in these uncertain times.

You may have heard your child refer to 'Dojo' points. This is because we currently use a basic version of a platform called ClassDojo to award points to the children in school when they show positive learning behaviours and demonstrate our values. These points are then collated each week and the house with the highest number of points receives the cup for the week.

However, this platform can actually do much more and can be set up to include a whole school communication page, class communication pages, messaging facilities to teachers and each child can be set up with an individual portfolio folder into which work can be uploaded by school or home. In addition, we are able to notify you each time your child receives a Dojo point, along with the reason for this.

As a school we have been working hard to set this up and on Friday your child will bring home a hard copy of an invite for you with a unique code just for you. You can download the ClassDojo app for your phone or tablet or can access the platform via [www.classdojo.com](http://www.classdojo.com). You will then be able to sign up as a parent.

It is important to note that each class allocates Dojo points at an age appropriate level, so siblings in different classes may receive differing numbers of points and for different reasons; classes cannot be compared.

Once the system is up and running, it is important to note the following important points:

- There is no expectation that staff will respond to messages outside school hours;
- There will be a 72 hour window for staff to respond to messages;
- Any safeguarding issues will be dealt with in line with school policy.

Early Years class will continue to also use Tapestry to share each child's individual learning journey. The use of Seesaw in the other classes will be replaced by ClassDojo.

We really hope that this platform will be beneficial for both home and school. Once registration information goes out on Friday, each class is going to trial using the facility to set a homework task next week so do please look out for this.

If you have any issues with the initial set-up, please let us know so that we can support you with this.

Kind regards,

Mrs Martin