



Tuesday 15th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

A close partnership between home and school is vital in supporting a child's learning. We know that you will all be very anxious about how school is planning to support learning remotely from home should we be forced to close down a school 'bubble' or return to lockdown. Therefore, we have been very carefully considering the development of our remote learning provision and how we can continue to improve communication between home and school.

Class Dojo www.classdojo.com is currently used by teachers in school to reward behaviour with Dojo points. It also has the facility to create closed class groups where class teachers can send messages to parents and vice versa, and set learning activities to a child's 'Portfolio'. It also offers a 'Class Story' page where the class teacher may communicate special events from the school day, including photographs.

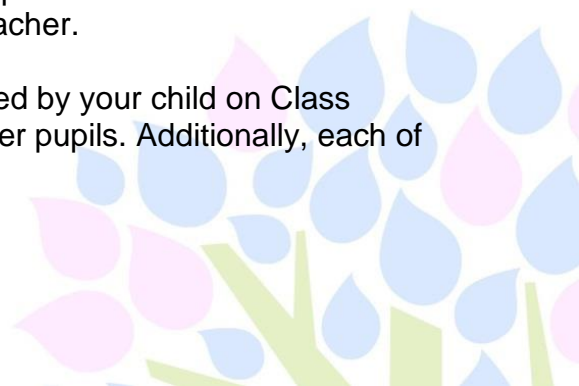
How does it work?

'Messages' on Class Dojo: Class Dojo will give parents the facility to communicate with the class teacher. It is really important that you communicate with the class teacher if you have a concern, or if there is a problem with accessing the work set for your child. A Class Dojo home- school agreement will ensure time parameters for messaging set and expectations of teachers, children and parents are clear. **Class Dojo will not replace existing processes for contacting school for pupil absences, holiday requests and medical needs.**

Awarding stickers and points to your children: Awarding stickers and points to your child is an excellent way for your child's teacher to reward them for completing a task; please look out for these and praise your child. Senior Management Team also have access to your child's class groups so you will also see dojo points awarded from them as well. You can also set this up for use in the home too, fantastic if you want to encourage your child to help with chores like tidying their bedroom or clearing the table!

Feeding back to pupils: Your child will receive either a short-written comment or a 'like' when they have submitted something on to 'Class Dojo'. The class teacher will praise their work and contribution, and then give them a realistic next step to consider for next time. Your child can then respond by writing a new post to their teacher.

Pupil confidentiality: Be rest assured that whatever is posted by your child on Class Dojo, it can only be seen by the class teacher and not by other pupils. Additionally, each of



the children are given an avatar, so their faces are not visible on the account. However, it is vital that you check in to see what your child is posting or uploading on a regular basis, to check on their progress and that their post is credible. See Class Dojo's Privacy Policy which is GDPR compliant. <https://www.classdojo.com/privacy/>

What do I need to do?

Tomorrow you will receive an invite link via email to your child's class on Class Dojo. Parents will need to download the free app for their device at home in order to access Class Dojo.

Please complete the attached **User Agreement** and return to school by **Friday 18th September**.

Parents of 3D please could you screen shot and email your signed user agreement via the school office by the end of tomorrow. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to getting you and your child connected and to working together successfully, through virtual teaching and learning on Class Dojo.

Kind regards

Mel Green

Deputy Head Teacher EYFS/KS1
Remote Learning Lead





ClassDojo



Class Dojo – Parent & School user Agreement / Guidelines

Class Dojo is for parents/carers to communicate between school and home positively, sharing messages and set learning and provide feedback to enable you to engage with your child's learning journey.

This user agreement is to outline expectations for the use of Class Dojo for all parents/carers of Dorridge Primary School. It outlines expectations for parents / carers in regard to data protection and expectations of school staff with respect to amount and content in communication.

Once this agreement is signed and returned to school and you have accepted the link to join your child's class via your email link, you will be connected to your child's class. If abused, school leaders reserve the right to remove people from pages associated with the school until any misuse has been investigated.

All users will not share any photos on social media unless permission is sought
By signing up to this agreement you are agreeing not to share the images sent in any way for example on Social Media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram.
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School Staff (Individual and Class Story)

- Will only use school devices owned by school - not personal devices.
- Appropriate messaging using initials will be used for class pages.
- School staff will check or send messages between 8.30am – 3:30pm Monday to Friday, news and photos *may* be sent later.
- Teachers will manage individual pupil portfolios. They will only be seen by the pupils' parents/carers. In the event of a 'bubble' being sent home, remote learning will be accessed via the pupil 'Portfolio', the content of which will be in line with DfE Guidelines for Schools.
- Teachers will manage the class story to share relevant information with the whole class group.

Parents / carers

- Contact school office in the usual way for any urgent messages, absence and medical needs.
- Will not comment on the class story – comments should be shared with the teacher directly via 'messages' in Class Dojo.



- We are able to set up separate accounts with connections to an individual pupil for families with shared care. In cases such as this, parents will message individually to teachers, not between each other.

Guidelines – to manage expectations of families regarding receiving messages and responses from school, and appropriate work load expectations of teachers.

- We will contact regularly – this will be at least weekly on the ‘Class Story’ when your child is in school. In the event of a ‘bubble’ being sent home and accessing remote learning, **communication will be daily**.
- Teachers will monitor at 8:30am – 3:30pm Monday to Friday only.
- Class Dojo points will be reset each Monday morning.

Please return the form below to the school office by **Friday 18th September**. If you have any further questions please visit www.classdojo.com.

Dorridge Primary School – Class Dojo User Agreement.

Name of child _____

Class _____

Names of Parents using Class Dojo

- 1.
- 2.

I /we agree to the terms of use listed above and consent to joining and use of the

- Individual
- Class Story.

Signed (by both parties if 2 users)

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

