



Using Class Dojo To Communicate with KS1 Parents

Dear Parents / carers

Class Dojo

Class Dojo was introduced as a communication tool in Pine for the academic year 25/26. There has been lots of positive feedback from parents and as a school we have decided this would be a useful tool to continue to use within KS1.

What is Class Dojo?

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 allows, through the use of Dojo Points (or Dojos), teachers to reward positive behaviours and good work whilst providing a place to share important information about what is happening in school.

Dojo Points

The children will receive Dojo Points for displaying positive behaviours such as good listening, sharing their ideas, being kind and more. Points will also be awarded for reading at home and completing homework. The children will receive a certificate when they receive 50, 100, 150 and 200 points.

Dojo Monsters

Every child 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

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 use Study Bugs or contact the office directly as normal - 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. You can also use the messaging service to share any exciting news that your child may want to share or let us know about a

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change in pick up arrangements.

Please remember that for a change of pick up arrangements after 12pm and for any urgent messages, please phone the school office as the class teacher may not be able to access messages until the end of the school day.

If your message needs a reply, please bear in mind that our policy is that teachers will respond within **36** hours (excluding weekends and holiday periods).

Class Dojo will now be our preferred method of communication. If your child is in a class with multiple teachers, a group chat will be set up between you and the teachers to ensure messages are received by all.

Class Story

Once connected, your child's teacher can broadcast information to all the parents in one class using the Class Story. We will share any important reminders such as non-uniform days or trips there.

We may occasionally post pictures of what the children are doing in school. The only people that will see these will be the parents of your child's year group. For safeguarding reasons, we kindly ask that parents do not take screenshots of photos to share on social media sites as you will not have permission.

If you are happy for your child's photo to be posted on the Class Dojo Story page, you do not need to communicate with us. If you would rather that your child's photo is **not** added however, please let us know by **Friday 11th September**.

Pupil Portfolio

Once you are connected to your child's account, you will be able to see their personal Pupil Profile. Parents can add photographs, record explanations and write text from home. All portfolio items need your child's teacher to approve them before it will be posted to their profile.

What do you need to do?

- **If your child was in Year R last year and you have a class Dojo account you will not need to do anything.**
- **If your child is in Year 2 or new to Year 1, please look out for an email from Class Dojo.** Once you have received this email, you will be able to follow a link to download the app and set up a parent account. This should automatically link to your child and enable you to set up their home account too.

Is there a cost?

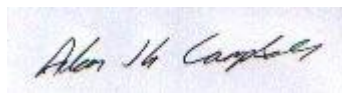
No, Class Dojo is free for schools and the parent app is free too. However, you have the option of giving Class Dojo points at home as part of a home behaviour system, but this is a chargeable service if you decide to take out a subscription, which you don't have to, there is a free trial.

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.

We hope you have found this information helpful. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or difficulties setting up the account.

Kind regards

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