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Dear Parents/Carers,

Introduction of Class Dojo

This year, as a way of keeping you up-to-date about all that goes on in school, we are introducing the online platform *Class Dojo* across St. Mary's. It is vital to us that we continue to build and maintain strong home-school relationships and *Class Dojo* will enable us to further develop and open our lines of communication.

Aims

- Ensure vital information relating to school life/classes is shared quickly and efficiently
- Build and maintain community relationships between St. Mary's and our families

What is Class Dojo?

Class Dojo is an online platform that allows parents and schools to share achievements, developments and news on a whole class and individual basis via messages, documents, photographs and videos. *Class Dojo* can be accessed by downloading the *Class Dojo* app to your device or using the site www.classdojo.com.

In the future, we will explore other features the app offers such as: pupils will be awarded positive points for showing positive behaviours including (but not limited to): working hard, being a good role model, demonstrating our Christian values, completing home learning tasks.

How to sign up

It is important to us that every child's account is connected; you are welcome to sign up as many key adults as you need to. So, once you have downloaded the *Class Dojo* app/loaded the site, you will need to register for an account using a valid email address. You can do this by scanning the QR code that your child's class teacher has sent home and following the instructions, or typing in the 9-digit code.

Here are a couple of links if you need a helping hand:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ggtifqVFHw&t=1s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pt6mVa4jPM>



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8aiGhRuPeA8>



Acceptable Use

Please note that, whilst teachers will monitor their accounts regularly, they will not be expected to download the app on to their personal devices so may only respond during the times outlined in our policy (this is currently under review and will be published on the website by the end of the month), as we wish to safeguard the wellbeing and work/life balance for our staff. Teachers may read your messages outside of these 'Quiet Hours', but are under no obligation to reply until they are in a position to do so. Whilst this is a less formal way of communicating with staff, our policy outlines that all messages must be respectful and appropriate. All messages may be viewed by a member of the St. Mary's leadership team.

Please note: the following matters should still always be addressed following our existing policies and procedures: absence; sickness; school dinner enquiries; complaints. Please see our **Class Dojo Policy** on our school website for more information.

Please do not hesitate to contact school in the usual ways if you have any queries about *Class Dojo*.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'AW', located below the 'Yours Sincerely,' text.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Wainwright

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