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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Class Dojo

We are getting ourselves fully prepared for the hopefully unlikely but equally unfortunate situation of a local lockdown, or the possibility of having to send a class 'Bubble' home to self-isolate. If one of these instances were to occur, we need to be ready to support interactive home learning for your child.

We have decided to expand our current Class Dojo behaviour system in order to get our whole community connected. This will allow school-wide remote learning to be up and ready and really easily accessible to you all. Class Dojo will also let us keep in touch with you through direct messages, sharing lessons and resources that are similar to those the children would experience if they were in school. We will also be able to post videos, photos, links, and files for you and your children to see. We will assign classwork to our pupils if they are required to be at home and you will be able to log in from any device so that your child can complete their activities. All the posts can also be translated in to over 35 languages if this is helpful to you and the format is really user friendly and easy to navigate. Children will be able share their work with their teacher through photographs, videos, drawings and text (approved by the teacher before going on line of course!). In the event we need to send a class home to self-isolate or close the school, the list below shows some of the Class Dojo features which will be in operation:

- Messaging you with regular updates
- Setting an expected daily schedule for home learning
- Checking in to see how your child is doing
- Creating opportunities to meet digitally as a class or group
- Asking children to complete daily journals
- Sharing resources so that your children can keep practising their reading, writing and maths skills
- Setting activities and tasks for all curriculum areas
- Whole School Assemblies
- Teachers reading aloud to your child
- Using activities to support your child's social and emotional learning and wellbeing

Mr Payne is leading in this area and will provide advice on signing up and getting ready to get involved. Some of you have already spotted links to Class Dojo on the class pages while we were setting up and trialling the system and you have already asked to join. This is a fantastic sign! We are not quite ready as yet to go live, but Mr Payne has noted your details and will be in touch very soon with instructions and protocols in advance of a whole school launch. Once we are up and running we will also be able to send you photos and updates of your child during the school day. This will be a really positive step forward during the current restrictions as it will enable you to have a little window into their world at school.

Please look out for information and instructions and if you do not yet have an e-mail address, please do get one set up as soon as possible so you don't miss out. Thank you once again for your support in this new venture.

Yours sincerely

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