



Class Dojo

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ClassDojo is an online tool which offers many useful features including: behaviour management, parent/carers and teacher communication as well as class/school newsfeeds.

Catcott Primary School will use ClassDojo for all of these features. To ensure we are able to safely utilise what it has to offer, it is important that all users are aware of the following rules and expectations.

ClassDojo is compliant with the GDPR and parents/carers give permission for the school to process their child's data on the system when they complete the data processing consent form. All information on ClassDojo is private between teachers, parents/carers and students. Information is never sold and ClassDojo permanently deletes students' personal information when they stop using ClassDojo. Teachers, parents and students can always access and delete their information at any time.

The following policy refers to the use of Class Dojo as a home-school communication.

How does Class Dojo work? –

We use the ClassDojo App to communicate securely with parents/carers about their children online. The app offers a Facebook style interface which manages the flow of frequent information from school to home.

Parents/carers are sent a passcode which connects them to their child's account.

We use ClassDojo from Year R all the way through to Year 6.

Pupils will have the opportunity to login to their own area of ClassDojo and change their avatar (monster) as well as view their points.

Please note, children do not have access to use messaging services through ClassDojo.

It provides an easy way for you to join the conversation.

It is secure and personal to our school and provides information in an easy to use format similar to Twitter and Facebook.

We will use ClassDojo to keep in touch with you about school events, send reminders, send celebratory messages about learning and community activities Class Dojo has three main elements that we will be using:

Dojo points - Pupils will collect Dojo points from staff members when they show positive behaviours linked to our values and well as positive behaviour:

Resilience, Independence, Thinking Skills, Reading, Attendance, Manners and Correct Uniform.

Class Story - general class news and celebrations, reminders and updates.

School Story - news from across the school, on the day it happens, informing you about whole school events, sporting results and other whole school information and updates.

Pupils and Class Dojo

- Pupils will be awarded Dojo points when they show positive behaviours.
- Dojo points will not be taken away for negative behaviour.
- Dojo points are collected weekly and added to their house colours total. The winning house at the end of a half term will be rewarded with a 'mufti day'
- Children do not have access to messaging services through their student accounts.
- Children must not access their parent's account or use it to send messages to their teachers.
- Pupils should not ask for Dojo Points; staff will be on the lookout for pupils who demonstrate the desired positive behaviours.

Teachers and Class Dojo

- Teachers and support staff will be encouraged to award Dojo points to pupils when they demonstrate positive behaviours or attitudes to learning: Resilience, Independence, Thinking Skills, Reading, Attendance, Manners and Correct Uniform.
- Dojo points are not taken away for negative behaviours.
- Staff should be aware of the working hours (Monday-Friday 8.30am to 4pm) surrounding Class Dojo.
- Teachers are encouraged to post updates on their class page- the amount is at your discretion, with a minimum requirement of 1 post a week and may include regular updates of the learning taking place in class, reminder posts about swimming/PE days/homework deadlines and other important class events such as trips or assemblies. In addition, celebrations of work should be shared either individually to parents/carers or via the class page.

Parents/Carers and Class Dojo

- Parents will receive an introductory letter to demonstrate the benefits of Class Dojo and how it works within the school.
- Parents can use a generated invite code in order to link with their child's class, either through the use of the smart phone app or the Class Dojo website.
- Only parents or legal guardians will be given access codes to Class Dojo.
- By using our school Dojo site, you agree to the terms set out in this usage agreement.

- Parents can view the total of number points their child's received along with the reason they have been given.
- Within the app or website, parent accounts also have access to both a whole- school and class newsfeed where you will find important information posted by staff. Parent accounts also have the facility to send messages to members of staff, however this is not an approved use of the dojo app and is not a means of contacting the school that we are using.
- Parents should look at the newsfeed regularly to keep up to date with messages, school events and information.
- Parents must make sure that children cannot access their parent account and are not able to send messages under their name. Parents must understand that photos that are shared by class teachers on ClassDojo are not to be shared outside of the APP and should not be saved on their device.