



Whitstone Community
Primary School

ClassDojo Policy

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Background: Class Dojo is a digital classroom management tool designed to help our teachers improve pupil behaviour and communicate more effectively with parents. Each pupil gets an avatar, and teachers award dojo reward points (or houspoints) for things such as good homework, participating in class, or staying on task. Teachers can use a smartphone, tablet or computer to give points throughout the school day. Each pupil's points can be displayed via a smart board, and parents, via their app, can see these. Teachers and support staff can communicate with parents on a 1:1 messaging service or via the class page where general class messages can be shared.

Aims:

- ✓ To establish more effective communication links with parents.
- ✓ To support the current behaviour policy

Expectations for Staff:

- Teachers are expected to create a Class Dojo account via the website www.classdojo.com and also download the free app onto their school ipad.
- Teachers are expected to send out invitations to the parents in their class, and regularly encourage parents to join up- please remember to add children new to your class part way through the year.
- Class Dojo points are to be used to reward positive behaviour alongside our current behaviour policy and as an alternative to collecting physical house points.
- Teachers and support staff are encouraged to post updates on their class page- the amount is at your discretion, but the following should be a minimum- regular 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 or via the class page.
- All members of staff using Class Dojo are asked to set a 'quiet hours' on their page, this is where parents are informed that you may not read or reply to messages out of the designated hours. It is suggested that quiet hours are between 5.30pm and 8.00am and at weekends but this is at your discretion.
- It is not expected that you will need the app on your mobile device, please be mindful of the impact this may have on your personal time if you do decide to have the app on your mobile device.
- Teachers are respectfully reminded to not engage in any conversations about personal matters via the class page or the messaging service. (Please familiarise yourself with the School's Social Networking Policy).
- All user of Class Dojo are to make themselves fully aware of the children who do not have permission to have their photographs shared on websites and social media from the school.

Expectations for children:

Children are expected to encourage their parents and carers to join the Class Dojo; they should be given the invitations and any update letters when sent out.

Monitoring of the Policy:

It is the responsibility of all members of staff who use Class Dojo to ensure it is used according to this policy. Monitoring of the policy will be by Senior Leaders who may ask to view the Class Dojo page at regular intervals to ensure the policy is being adhered to.