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## Respect Aspire Achieve – Be the best that you can be

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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Exciting new communication platform- **Class Dojo**

Some of you may have heard your child talking about Class Dojo. Parts of the system have been used by some classes in the past and we know that our new Year 3 parents are familiar with it from its use in the infants. We are rolling out the full system, school-wide from next week and we hope it will improve communication about your child’s experience in FJS!

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 photos and notes about the work that is going on in school.

Positive Dojo Points

Your child’s points total is affected by the positive dojos that staff put on. If they see a positive behaviour or great piece or work, staff can give your child dojos to reward them.

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

Class Dojo allows parents to automatically translate messages into their first language.

Dojo does NOT replace the usual methods of reporting pupil absence or arranging meetings or discussions with teachers - you will still need to contact the office directly if you have a message about your child that needs to be passed on to the class teacher.

School Story

By connecting to your child, you will also see the “School Story” which is a wall of announcements and photos for all parents across school. This might be a reminder about non-uniform day or event in school.

Pupil Portfolio

Once you are connected to your child’s account, you will be able to see posts on their personal Pupil Profile - a place to celebrate work and achievement. Pupils will be able to photograph work, draw pictures, record explanations and write text. Your child can add to their portfolio from home too. All portfolio items need your child’s teacher to approve them, just to make sure the most appropriate items make it.

Class Story

Once connected, your child’s teacher can broadcast information to all the parents in one class using the Class Story. This might be a PE reminder, or a class visit update.

What do you need to do?

1. You will need to either download the Class Dojo app from your device’s app store or go to the classdojo.com website.

2. You will need to setup a parent account using your personal email address. We’ll send you a code so that you can connect your account to your child.

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 decided to take out a subscription, which you don’t have to. There is a free trial.

Is there anything else I should know?

We have not enabled private messaging between teachers and parents so please be aware that if you try to send a message to the private message box this will not be viewed or responded to. Messages for teachers still need to go through our main office.

We will no longer be using the MarvellousMe app as this system will replace it.

Further information about Class Dojo is available at: https://classdojo.zendesk.com/

Unique codes will be sent out this week for you to join your child’s class, if you want to get a head start, you can use this link to request access to your child’s account:

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=school&schoolID=4f0e08de3b7c029066dc49d1>