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Welcome to Maharishi School

My name’sLisa Smith and I am the chair of the PTFA. We’re a group of parents, teachers and friends who volunteer to run social events for parents and children and to organise fundraising events at the moment, we’re raising money to improve the school playground facilities.

We are setting up a PTFA school chat and events base called classlist, we would be grateful if you could sign up to this, it is totally free and GDPR compliant.

We are looking to have this in place for September so would really appreciate if you could take the time to join up asap so we can tweak any teething problems this week.

From September we are going to be putting all our news and events up on Classlist. It’s a free, safe, secure online community for the school where you can post questions and message other parents in your child’s class or year group.

It’s really useful for tracking down lost jumpers, organising play dates and checking the homework. I no we currently have Class WhatsApp groups this is the same Idea except Classlist is GDPR compliant as nobody needs to have each other’s phone number to join.

We are aware some parents and teachers are simply not in a position to share their details with others for professional or personal reasons.  These parents and teachers face a choice between being excluded from communications at our school by not using WhatsApp, or having to unwillingly share their personal details so that they or their child don’t miss out. Classlist gives you have full control over your privacy settings and can also join and use Classlist without sharing your contact details.

Through joining Classlist you can:

* Decide exactly what contact information you wish to share with other families;
* View a list of children in the class and year, and contact their parents via the app;
find which families live nearby on a map (if they opt in to share their address);
* Communicate with your class and year in a chat group on the Classlist app; Find, join and create other interest groups amongst parents
* Send invitations to children’s parties and parent social events, request for example dietary info, manage RSVPs;
* Stay in the loop on events and activities run by the PTFA and class reps.  See how you can help too.
* Place and find items for sale on a private school marketplace;
* Report any content you feel is inappropriate to parent moderators (our Classlist Ambassadors), who can take immediate action to remove messages.
* Decide how many notifications you need: from every comment being notified, to a single weekly digest email from Classlist on Thursdays covering everything relevant to you.

Our school prides itself on being a welcoming, inclusive community. Classlist’s “virtual school gate” offers a safe, moderated and private space where all our parents and teachers can now link up online, as well as meeting each other in person when visiting the school.

I do encourage you all to join Classlist.

If you have any questions about Classlist please emailLisa Smith the chair of the PTFA and I will get back to you as quickly as possible! **lisasmithptfa@gmail.com**

Download the Classlist app on your mobile (recommended)

We look forward to meeting you!

Yours Sincerely

The Maharishi School PTFA