



Dear Parents/Carers of children in Early Years, September 2021

Class Dojo Invitation

All children (and their families!) in the Year group are invited to use an app called 'Class Dojo'. This is an app which will be used to reward the children for demonstrating important skills such as working hard, participating in learning or activities or showing kindness. It will also be used to communicate with you and for you to communicate with us; we can share messages, updates and photos of learning from class and from home. It is an easy way for your child to share how they are doing in class and for you to get in touch with the class teachers.

In light of the restrictions around transition events leading up to September, we would like to take the unusual step of introducing this App ahead of the start of the school year. Our intention is to use the App as a tool for the children to communicate with the teachers via pictures/photos/messages during July and in the run up to the first days at school. It will be a wonderful way for the teachers to get to know your child and for your child to get to know their teachers and some of the friends that they will meet come September.

We would love all families to sign up to Class Dojo. However, this is entirely OPTIONAL. You can use it on any device; it is a simple, free mobile app for iOS and Android, or can be used from a computer at www.classdojo.com.

It is also important to stress that this app does not replace formal lines of communication with school. The school office is still the main place for questions and queries. The table below has been designed to exemplify which type of enquiry should be directed where.

Office@willenprimary.org	Class Dojo
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enquires about school events e.g. trips, fundraisers • Absence from school • Lunch/school milk enquiries • Complaints • Financial difficulties/help making payments • Frees school meal support • Changes to pupil information • Admissions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning based enquiries e.g. homework • Classroom enquiries e.g. friendships, timetables • How to help at home • Concerns about a child

By creating your Class Dojo account, you are consenting to be part of the Early Years Class Dojo community. This means that the whole class will be able to see your posts/photos. Only messages are private between you and the teachers. We must respect that, as a group, the contents of our pages must be kept secure and must not be shared with others. This is a closed group and is not accessible to the public. We must therefore keep it that way! Any family that does not respect these rules, will be removed from Dojo.

You will receive an email invitation to join Dojo from your child's class teacher in the coming week. We will send this to the email address that we hold on file for you/your child.

Simply follow the link in that email and create your account. Class Dojo is completely FREE OF CHARGE! Please do not sign up for any paid service. It is very simple to use, but if you do get stuck, the following tutorial is very helpful.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gjS1U8wiH7A>

Don't forget! If you need us, we can be contacted via office@willenprimary.org throughout the summer months. You can also visit our website (willenprimary.org), where you should find everything you need (look under the Early Years Class Page).

Yours sincerely

Miss Matthews

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