

*Kildrum Primary School*



# Parent Guide

## Class Dojo

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This guide explains our use of the Class Dojo app. It describes why we use the app, how we use it and how it helps parents/carers become more involved in their child's learning.



## Introduction

“Parental involvement is about supporting pupils and their learning. It is about parents and teachers working together in partnership to help children become more confident learners. All the evidence shows that when parents, carers and other family members are effectively involved in their children’s education, the outcome for their children is better.”

*Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) act 2006, Peter Peacock, Minister for Education*

At Kildrum Primary School we recognise the importance of fostering a healthy home-school partnership and recognise that a strong relationship between teachers and parents/carers can have positive impact on a child’s ability to reach their full potential. In Kildrum Primary we utilise Class Dojo, an online facility, which allows teachers and parents to communicate effectively on a regular basis.

“Parents are by far the most important influence in children’s lives and learning.”

*A guide for parents about school attendance, The Scottish Government, Edinburgh 2010.*

## What is Dojo?

Dojo is an online resource used to encourage positive behaviour and allow parents to see some of the activities there children are involved in during the school day.

## Classroom use

### **Points**

Points are gained by each child for a variety of behaviours for e.g. being on task, listening well, being kind and helpful, producing great work etc.

Points can also be lost for behaviours such as being off task, hurting others physically or emotionally, not listening etc.



All classes have the same basic points categories:

### Gaining Points

- Being kind and helpful
- Good listening
- Good teamwork
- Trying your best
- Good work
- On task

### Losing Points

- Hurting other – physically or emotionally
- Being off task
- Being disrespectful

Class teachers may add further categories specific to the needs of their own class.

### Photos

Teachers will regularly upload pictures of the class in action. This is found in the “Class Story” feature. Similar to Facebook, all comments and likes made about a picture or video can be viewed by other parents from that class. Once everything is up and running teachers will upload a “Class Story” at least once each (five day) week.

### Messaging

Teachers and parents/carers can contact each other via private messaging (staff are encouraged to commit to a healthy “work/life balance” and so won’t reply to messages after 5pm). Teachers have the option to send a message to all parents using “Class Broadcast” for reminders of trips and events etc., however all parent/carers replies to this broadcast are only viewed by the teacher.



## Dos and Don'ts

The many features available on Dojo have proved to be very popular with both teachers and parents/carers alike, however please note the following guidelines;

### Do

Talk to your child about their profile  
Contact teacher with concerns  
Arrange teacher appointment  
Like our pictures  
Leave comments on Class Story  
Personalise your avatar

### Don't

Allow children to message teachers  
Contact teacher regarding attendance  
Expect an immediate reply

**If your child is absent from school you must contact the school office (by phone or by text). Teachers will reply to messages as soon as possible, this may be after 3pm when teaching time is over.**

## How to login

A personalised sign up sheet will be issued to each child upon starting in a new class. Parents/carers must set up an account and login used the code provided in order to access the child's behaviour report and class blog. Apps are available for Apple and other androids devices for easy access. A student code is available for children to change their avatar.

## What Parents/Carers say about Class Dojo...

*"Class Dojo is excellent" Parent of Primary 6 and Primary 7 children*

*"Really like to use of Class Dojo so far this year." Parents of a Primary 2 child*

*"Dojo is invaluable." Parent of a Primary 3 child*

*"Really like class dojo as I can contact teacher direct." Parent of a Primary 1 child*

*"I like Dojo as I can check my son's progress during the week." Parent of a Primary 5 child*

