



# St. Michael's C.E. (Controlled) Junior School

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*Inspired by Him, we serve the community of St Michael's by creating an inclusive learning culture where all differences are respected, where courage is shown to face and overcome adversity, and resilience is embedded in our journey to success so we can be the very best we can be.*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Class Dojo is an online platform which we will be using in school this year to award children House Points and to share some of our learning with you at home. We started using this platform during lockdown in the last academic year to maintain contact with children and for them to share the fantastic learning they were completing at home. Through Class Dojo we will be able to share tasks, videos, messages and also maintain communication with the children during any period of self-isolation too. The platform is one way that we are able to continue to support you and your child if you find yourself in this situation. Feedback received from parents who were using the platform in the summer term was incredibly positive. We are, therefore, continuing with Class Dojo but also enhancing its use in school.

## Parent Account

Through Class Dojo you can connect as a parent through a specific login. This has been sent home today. This allows parents to view your child's portfolio, the Class Story and the School Story including your child's House Points. Although you will receive paper copies of homework and spellings, we will also upload these onto Class Dojo for your reference and also share learning from the class through the Class Story. Although you can not add anything to your child's portfolio through a parent account you are able to view it and your child will have access to this through their own login. You are also able to connect siblings through your parent account using the codes that have been sent home today.

Please note that although there is a messaging option through Class Dojo, teachers will **not** be replying to any messages sent through the platform. Messages will not be checked and you will receive an automatic reply asking you to contact the school office with any enquires. If you do need to contact your child's class teacher please email the school office on [adminoffice@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk).

## Student Account

In the event of children self-isolating your child will need to access Class Dojo through a student account. Your child will have brought home information on how they are able to logon at home as a student. This is in the form of a QR code which can be scanned by the Class Dojo App. Many children will already be set up on the platform but we ask that you please sign up if you haven't already, to enable the children to upload any home learning in the portfolio section should they need to at any time. If for any reason the QR code doesn't work we would ask that you request a link from us. Please email [dojorequest@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:dojorequest@st-michaels-jun.hants.sch.uk) with your child's name, their class and date of birth. This will allow us to verify your identify and ensure that you receive the correct information for your child.

Once logged in your child will be able to change their avatar and post text, pictures, videos or drawings to their profile. They should be familiar with this as they will have seen this aspect of Dojo already at school. Anything that the child posts to their portfolio is always reviewed by a member of staff before being posted to their portfolio which only staff, yourself and your child will be able to see. No other child will be able to see what they have posted.

We hope that you join us in using Class Dojo. This is a great way to stay in touch with your child's learning and we encourage you to use the site regularly. The platform will be especially beneficial for Home Learning as we are able to keep in contact with you remotely. We had great successes using the platform during the summer term.

Please contact to your class teacher if you have any questions regarding Class Dojo via the school office.

Mrs F Bundy and Mrs M Down

