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Welcome to Class Dojo!



Dear Parent / Carer,

Firstly, I would like to begin by saying a heart-felt thank you for your ongoing support over the past week and a half in response to the ever evolving situation with the coronavirus, which has been an incredibly anxious and challenging time for our whole school community.

Over the past fortnight, we have been reviewing our communication methods in the event that Public Health England and the Department for Education announce blanket school closures across the country. In the event that our school is closed, we want to ensure that we are still in a position to communicate with you all and to stay connected as a 'school family'.

I am, therefore, thrilled to announce the release of our school Class Dojo app! We will be using the app to communicate with you to share home learning tips and important updates over the coming weeks.

Please check your child's Class Dojo app as regularly as possible for any updated information (once a day would be ideal 😊).

Our **School Story Page** is where senior leaders and class teachers will be regularly posting updates and key information so please keep an eye out for notifications on your phone and 'check in' on a regular basis.

The **messaging service has been temporarily disabled**. Please can I kindly request that you **do not use this app to directly message your class teacher**. A heading will appear on the messaging page explaining that your child's class teacher is away. **No direct messages will be replied to on the app.**

In the event that you need to contact your child's class teacher or any staff member during a school closure, please continue to follow **normal methods of communication**.

Telephone: 01332 345997 Email: admin@stchads.derby.sch.uk

In the event of a full school closure, school will be following all government guidelines, and it would be helpful if you could only contact us in the event of any emergencies or urgent queries relating to your child's work.

We will continue to keep our website up-to-date. I have added a new page called 'Coronavirus Updates' to help you easily access key information under the Parent/Carer tab (at the very top) :

http://www.stchads.derby.sch.uk/website/coronavirus_updates/459652

The Department for Education have a dedicated helpline available to answer questions about the coronavirus relating to education and can be contacted Monday to Friday (8am-6pm) on 0800 046 8687.

I would like to finish by saying a very special thank you to my hardworking staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure the minimum disruption to our children's learning over the past week. This has been a challenging and unprecedented situation and it is at times like this that we realise that true heroes and heroines are 'ordinary' people doing their 'ordinary' jobs.

I would like to thank you all for your support, patience and kindness during this very difficult period.

Yours faithfully,

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