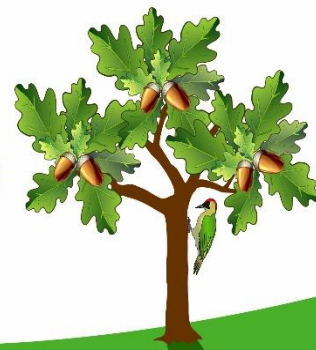




OMBERSLEY ENDOWED FIRST SCHOOL & PRE-SCHOOL

Reach for the Stars



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter is to give you a brief overview of our plans for online learning this academic year should we need to close a bubble of children or in the event of a local or national lockdown which requires us to close.

In order to effectively engage with our children and families at home we are planning to use Class Dojo as our online learning platform. This is an app that hopefully most of you will already be confident using. Through this platform the class teachers will be able to set work, send out a weekly overview of learning for the class, record messages and stories and give children feedback about their learning.

Over the next couple of weeks the class teachers will be sending out some test activities to get everyone used to using Class Dojo in a different way. We would really appreciate it if you could engage with these activities so that we can fine tune our plans for how we best use the app. They will only be short tasks such as sending a photo or writing a sentence or two. If you have any questions about these, please do email and ask. As far as we are aware the activities should be able to be viewed on a phone but may need a tablet or a computer to complete some tasks.

The initial plans are that in the event of a bubble closure, the teachers will set work in a similar format used between March and July. However, by using Class Dojo we should be able to set tasks individually too which the children can complete and will automatically send back to the teachers privately for us to look at and give feedback on. This will appear under the 'portfolio' tab on the desktop version (not the app) of the platform. We also hope to use 'class story' to send whole class messages, challenges and videos. In the event that it might be the class teacher who is unwell we will continue to send work for that bubble but not videos or recorded messages until they are well enough!

There are some useful articles on the following web page which should help you to find your way around the platform should we need to utilise it <https://classdojo.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/categories/200185365-For-parents>

Our initial plans are that teachers who would be working at home would be able to respond to work between 8:30am and 3:15pm and we will still not be using the messenger function of the app. We would encourage all parents to continue to email Mrs Moore or the school office if you have any queries or questions.

We will hopefully be sending out more information regarding this in the near future. If you have not yet signed up to Class Dojo we strongly recommend that you do.

We hope this will be an exciting new way of working and keeping in touch with our children as we navigate our way round this new way of working.

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