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An International community of learners striving for excellence and celebrating success

Class DOJO Policy

Introduction

At Newton International Academy, we strongly believe in creating a learning environment that promotes a positive attitude to life-long learning and one that upholds an excellent standard of behaviour. We celebrate the efforts and achievements of all our children as they earn Positive Behaviour Points via ClassDojo: a school communication platform that brings children, teachers and parents together.

ClassDojo is a school reward and communication platform that supports our teachers to encourage children in class and engage parents. School staff use ClassDojo to give children encouragement (Positive Behaviour Points) for showing various behaviours and attitudes - like independence, positivity, teamwork and resilience. As school staff award Positive Behaviour Points, our children are fully aware of their progress (number of points earned) as their individual total grows. In turn, parents are immediately notified of their child's achievements via the ClassDojo app on a daily basis. We believe that our home-school partnership is fundamental to every child realising their full potential as it provides parents with a platform to monitor and connect with their child's classroom experiences.

Teachers and support staff can communicate with parents on a private messaging platform or on the Class Story page. Important class and school messages will be posted on ClassDojo.

Aims
- To foster good communication links between parents, teachers and the school
- To support school and class rules through the awarding of points
- To enhance the current effective behaviour policy

Expectations of Staff
- All teachers are expected to create a ClassDojo account using the website www.classdojo.com
- All teachers are expected to send out invitations to the parents in their class in the first week of Term 1 and to send regular reminders to parents to join. Teachers are also expected to add new students throughout the academic year
- To use ClassDojo to collect Points
- Children must be aware of how to gain Points throughout the school week
- To send regular reminders to parents regarding homework, special events, class trips, assessment timetables and important announcements
- Teachers are not required to reply to messages after hours on workdays; however, we expect staff to respond within 24 hours on a working day.
- Teachers are not expected to download the ClassDojo application on their personal mobile Phone.
- Teachers must use the private message platform to communicate with individual parents and be mindful of messages sent to all parents
- Teachers are not to engage in discussions or arguments on ClassDojo. ClassDojo must only be used for short reminders, positive messages, notifications on behaviour and to book meetings.
- To connect Specialist Teachers and the Arabic Department to ClassDojo.
- Teachers are to sign up to ClassDojo using their school email.
- All members of staff are to make themselves fully aware of the children who do not have permission to have their photographs shared on websites and social media from the school.

Expectations of parents

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- To use ClassDojo as a tool to book meetings, seek clarification and stay updated with all class and school events
- To be polite and supportive when communicating on the private messaging platform
- Messages should be sent strictly regarding issues within the class. Whole school issues should not be communicated using the ClassDojo messaging platform. Parents should contact the Team Leader or SMT should they want to discuss whole school issues
- To be mindful of comments made on the Class Story page as these messages can be seen by all individuals connected to the class account or school account.
- **No teacher is to take away dojo points from a child for any reason!**