

A guide for getting digital with us

For many of our Reception parents, the number of apps / online tools we use at New Marston Primary School comes as a bit of a shock. Rest assured, each of these tools has a dedicated purpose, giving you ready-access to essential information about your child, their class and the school — ultimately making it a snap to engage with us! Use these insights to get started.

Class Dojo app — Your home for all communications

- Learn about what's happening in your child's classroom and around the school via the "Story" tab — images, videos and our newsletter offer a window into school life.
- Message your child's teacher(s) and Mrs. V directly using the "Messages" tool.
- Reward good deeds at home using the "Points" tool, an add-on feature.
- **Pro tip: Check Dojo daily** — this app will be essential to your NMPS experience.
- **Get started:** Set up both Parent and Child profiles using the QR code we'll send home once school starts — your Parent profile best aids school communication, as described above.



ClassDojo

Tapestry Journal online — Your home for all Early Years Curriculum observations*

- Discover how your child is progressing — your child's teacher will post images and notes specific to your child's development.
- Share what your child has been doing at home — you can also post images and notes to give your child's teacher insight into their world away from school.
- **Pro Tip:** Sign up for email notifications, so you know when to check your child's account. Student **updates are posted every few weeks**, though you can add insights about your child any time.
- **Get started:** Login to your account via the link we'll email to you once school begins.



** Reception is the last year your child will participate in the Early Years Curriculum. As such, Tapestry will not be used from Year 1 upwards.*

IRIS ParentMail app – Your home for administrative tasks

- Book your child for **before and after school clubs** — the “Accounts” area takes you to a booking calendar. Click on the club of your choice to access the respective calendar, select the dates you’d like to book and pay for your sessions in advance.
- Confirm your child’s participation in **special activities** (e.g. class field trips, special events or fundraisers) and pay any minor fees / make a donation — the “Payments” area will let you add items to your cart and pay directly via the app.
- **Pro Tip:** To guarantee your child a space in our clubs, you can book your child for clubs several weeks in advance, **up to three days prior**. (Note: If you need care urgently, we can sometimes accommodate you, but you must phone the school to make arrangements. We’ll bill your account via the app.)
- **Get started:** Activate your account via the link we’ll email to you once school begins.



SchoolGrid online for Dolce School Catering — Your home for ordering school dinners

- Review the school menu and decide whether your child will opt-in for *free* school lunch, rather than coming to school with a packed one.
- Toggle the menu bar to access the “Order Meals” action — it’s easy to select from the 4 different options available daily and no payment is taken for children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.
- **Pro Tip:** You are encouraged to book meals on Saturday or Sunday, **prior to the upcoming school week**. Orders may be booked online up until 8:55am on any given day. If you miss that cut-off, you can call the office *before 9:30am* to book a hot lunch. After that point, any child without a meal will be offered a sandwich option, which will be charged to your SchoolGrid account.
- **Get started:** Create an account via the link we’ll email to you once school begins.

