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Dear Parents and Carers,

Communication between school and parents is important to us and we are always striving to improve and look at ways we share information with you, to make it both more accessible and convenient. Some of you may have noticed that we have a new school website that has just launched. Over the coming months we aim to produce expand our reach across additional social media platforms, and are starting with the creation of Facebook groups to allow greater opportunities to support home learning.

What is a Facebook Group?

We are sure that many of you are likely to be part of one or many Facebook groups already and so will be familiar with their set up. They provide a space to communicate about shared interests with certain people. Over the next few weeks, the GLT is setting up Elmhurst Year Group Facebook groups for parents. This will be a safe place where you can access resources to support and learning from home, get to know other parents and obtain guidance on supporting wellbeing.

Private Group

The most important thing about Groups, especially in a school setting, is privacy. Facebook knows this and gives us security options. The group will be made "private" (it used to be called "secret") - it is the most secure level of privacy. No-one from the outside, even your 'friends' can see who is in the Group, nor what is going on in the Group. No-one can even search or access the Group (even if they have the URL).

The QR Code to access the groups are below. Simply use these to join up.



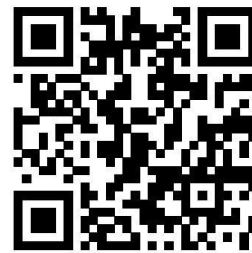
RECEPTION



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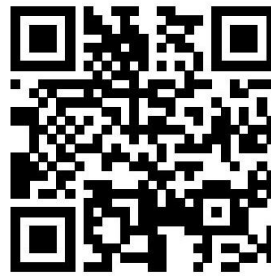
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YEAR 5



YEAR 6

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Year 1 | www.facebook.com/groups/elmhurstyear1/

Year 2 | www.facebook.com/groups/elmhurstyear2/

Year 3 | www.facebook.com/groups/elmhurstyear3/

Year 4 | www.facebook.com/groups/elmhurstyear4/

Year 5 | www.facebook.com/groups/elmhurstyear5/

Year 6 | www.facebook.com/groups/elmhurstyear6/

Rules of the Group

The group is a place to share learning resources, help videos, tips and wellbeing resources, and a place to “be social”, get to know each other, engage and support.

Please don't use the group for negativity. As always, if you have a concern, please contact the school directly; this group is not the forum to share any concerns you may be experiencing. The group is a positive place to keep connected, informed and engaged about what is going on in the classroom and how to better support learning from home for our children.

Even though it's a private group and no one from the outside can see in, this is not a space to share pictures, posts or videos especially of children. We know that some parents do not want such content to be shared and we need to respect their privacy. You will be asked to sign up to these rules when you join the group.

Moderating the Group

The GLT has chosen to work with Proplr to manage and moderate the Groups. School staff will not be present in the group. This video tells you more about what to expect:

[Click here to watch the video](#)

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Even though many parents/carers will be in the group, some will not be. Some parents/carers may choose not to participate and because of this, the group will NOT replace official correspondence. Anything official or of importance will still come through normal channels (email, letter, Class Dojo).

Joining the Group

Because it's set to private, the only way you can get added to the group is by us authorising your email. The same email address you have given the school will be used for Facebook Groups. If you use a different email for your Facebook account, then please let the school office know as soon as possible so that we can update the information in the group.

We look forward to sharing our new Facebook Group with you and seeing many of you interacting with the learning opportunities that will be available.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rachel Lee and Miss Kirsty Needham
Co-Headteachers

