



## A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

### → What is Edmodo?

*Edmodo* is a free, online learning space designed specially for schools.

### → What can my child do on Edmodo?

At Lakeview Junior High School we are using *Edmodo* with the children to help them learn about the benefits of using the Internet for digital communication in a safe environment. They can:

- send messages to their year group page for all their classmates to look at and reply to;
- upload and share: files, pictures or website links with their friends;
- take part in polls;
- earn badges to display on their profile page, such as for writing an interesting post for others to read or for using correct spellings.

### → How safe is Edmodo?

Whilst it may look like *Facebook*, it is much more child-friendly. Children can only access and send messages to their whole year class (group) - they can't send private messages between each other and no strangers can 'friend' them.

Messages appear online instantly to allow for real-time discussions to take place. Staff at Lakeview can see everyone's messages and regularly monitor them. Children are taught about the importance of only writing nice, sensible messages during e-safety lessons in school, however staff can respond to any unsuitable messages by editing or deleting them. Repeat offenders can also be stopped from writing any messages - gaining just 'read-only' access instead.

### → Can a parent have a login for Edmodo?

Parents are welcome to join *Edmodo* to monitor what their child is doing. Parent accounts let you:

- send messages to your child and their teacher;
- view some messages from your child's year group that we select as being interesting;
- view any messages sent between a teacher and your child (e.g. feedback on their work/their marks).

If you have any more questions, please contact Mrs. DeFors