

Water Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Many of you may be members of a WhatsApp or other social media groups that connect parents in a particular class. Ideally, the group chats are useful places to share relevant information about school such as receiving updates and reminders about school events. Most of the time, these group chats can be a great resource and an enjoyable place to be in. However, there are those unfortunate times where information shared is inappropriate or defamatory to the school, staff and in some cases, even the children. Please be mindful of how messages can be read, and how information can be wrongly interpreted.

To prevent any miscommunications, here are some guidelines you may wish to adopt in your group chats:

- If you have a query or concern about the teacher or the school leadership, please speak to the leadership team directly. Face to face is always the best way.
- When writing, remember that whatever you say on social media may be forwarded to someone else.
- The group should never be used as a platform to air views/grievances regarding a teacher, child or parent in the class or school.
- Do not share private information about other children with other parents.
- Be mindful of the appropriateness of topics during conversations.

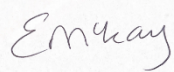
Please note, the school considers the following online activity inappropriate:

- Bringing the school into disrepute
- Abusive or personal comments about staff, pupils or other parents
- Posting defamatory or libellous comments
- Emails circulated or sent directly with abusive or personal comments about staff or pupils
- Using social media to publicly challenge school policies or discuss issues about individual children
- Threatening behaviour, such as verbally intimidating staff, or using bad language

Please be reassured that any incident which happens in school is taken seriously and will be managed in accordance to our school policies. Our door is always open, shared communication is key to ensuring that our children are happy and thriving in school.

As always, your support is invaluable to the success of our school.

Many thanks,



Miss E McKay
Acting Headteacher

