



## Class WhatsApp Groups Guidelines

Class WhatsApp Groups within Shirley Infant School are a great way for parents to get to know each other and support one another with helpful reminders about busy school life. They can really help to cement a sense of community.

Each class WhatsApp group is set up by class representatives who are parent volunteers supported by Friends of Shirley Infant School (FOSIS). There is no involvement in the creation or management of the groups from the school itself.

As with any social media platform, it's important that everyone understands its purpose and what is acceptable and what is not. Please ensure you are familiar with the following guidelines:

1. **Be Kind & Courteous:** Let's treat everyone with respect. Healthy debates are natural, but kindness is required.
2. **Respect the Purpose:** Helpful reminders of busy school life and building a sense of community is the purpose of the class WhatsApp groups. Avoid speculation about specific issues you are experiencing with the school and work directly with the school to resolve them.
3. **Privacy and Respect:** Do not post personal information or negative comments about other members of the group or members of the school teaching and admin staff.

What should you do if you feel uncomfortable with messages posted in your class WhatsApp group? Please speak to either of your class reps or email [fosis@shirleyschools.co.uk](mailto:fosis@shirleyschools.co.uk) with your concerns.

