

# Woodstock CE School PTA Acceptable Usage Guide - WhatsApp Group(s)

The Woodstock CE School PTA committee maintains (a) WhatsApp group(s) for all parents/carers that would like to volunteer to help with events and initiatives run by the PTA. The PTA Volunteer WhatsApp group(s) is intended as a forum to promote events that we need volunteers for, and ask questions about events and initiatives being run. To keep everyone safe and happy in the group, the Committee has compiled some polite rules and etiquette that will be common across all of the WhatsApp group(s).

Please kindly note that the Woodstock CE School PTA Volunteer WhatsApp group(s) is(are) run by parents/carers for parents/carers. It should not, in any way whatsoever, replace or substitute communication by or with school for relevant matters. It is for communicating about PTA initiatives and events only.

Woodstock CE School PTA encourages open and constructive discussion with volunteers on social media pages and their WhatsApp group(s), and this statement outlines the principles which we will use to ensure that these conversations are appropriate. By submitting messages to any of the Woodstock CE School PTA social media pages and their WhatsApp group(s), you agree to participate in a respectful manner. Woodstock CE School PTA will not tolerate or accept content which may cause distress to other users, or posts which are damaging, illegal, inflammatory, misleading or abusive. Woodstock CE School PTA reserves the right to remove any messages which are off-topic and/or unacceptable. Persistent abusers may be prevented from adding further contributions and may be removed from the WhatsApp group(s).

Please do use the WhatsApp group(s) for all and any discussions (including questions, reminders and/or sharing information) relating to events and/or initiatives being run by the Woodstock CE School PTA.

The posts in the group chat are opinions of the individuals, not the group as a whole and not that of the school. Furthermore, posts by Woodstock CE School PTA in the WhatsApp group(s) are for information purposes only and do not necessarily reflect the views of the charity or the committee as a whole.

We hope that all parents and carers who are not yet part of the Woodstock CE Primary School PTA Volunteers WhatsApp group(s) will decide to join – for it to be truly successful, it should include the entire parent/carer community! The Woodstock CE Primary School PTA is an inclusive group and welcomes all parents/carers to volunteer and take part.