



CLASS WHATSAPP GROUPS:

CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of our class WhatsApp groups is to support positive, practical and respectful communication and discussions between parents and guardians. These groups help share updates about school events, homework, lost property, and general class information. They're also a great way for families to connect, find support in each other and feel part of our wider school community.

To ensure that our class WhatsApp groups remain welcoming, respectful and useful for everyone, we ask all members to follow the guidelines below:

- 1. Complaints:** Class WhatsApp groups are a place for respectful discussions on school related topics and issues but not the place to raise complaints about any child, parent, or member of our school community. If you have a concern relating to teachers, curriculum, grades, etc. please contact the class teacher or the school principal directly.
- 2. Child Protection:** Child protection concerns must never be discussed on WhatsApp. Any such concerns should be raised directly with Tusla or the school principal.
- 3. Be Respectful and Positive:** Please use kind, respectful and considerate language at all times throughout discussions. Personal remarks or negative comments about any individual, child, teacher, or persons relating to the school community will not be tolerated and may result in immediate removal from the group.
- 4. Appropriate Content:** Offensive language, inappropriate emojis or images and any form of abusive or vulgar communication are not acceptable.
- 5. No Unapproved Advertising:** Business promotions or advertisements should not be posted unless they have prior approval from the Parents Association Committee (PAC) and are directly relevant to the school community. Exceptions may be made for local activities (e.g. sports clubs) that benefit families.
- 6. Stay On Topic:** Keep discussions focused on school or class-related matters. For personal chats or unrelated discussions, please use private messages instead.
- 7. Be Mindful of Group Activity:** Try to avoid excessive messaging and be considerate of others' time. Please do not send messages or make calls before 8am or after 10pm.
- 8. Sharing:** Please do not share messages or content with others outside the group unless asked to do so. This includes photos of children other than your own. Some messages may be shared with the PAC by the Class REP.

Failure to follow these guidelines will result in immediate removal from the WhatsApp group.

Please Note:

By joining a class WhatsApp group, you agree to share your phone number with other group members. You can leave the group at any time. Remaining in the group means you agree to follow these guidelines.

All communication within the group is private and should not be shared outside it unless necessary.

Stapolin ETNS and the PAC are not responsible for individual members' comments.

These rules may be updated from time to time, and members will be notified before any changes take effect.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and for helping us keep our WhatsApp groups positive and supportive for everyone.