



The Teresian School

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School management, in consultation with the Parents' Council of the Teresian Secondary School, is now implementing protocols for WhatsApp Groups and an acceptable usage policy. The Board of Management recommends good etiquette and practice be in place for all WhatsApp groups associated with the school. Consequently, all existing WhatsApp groups associated with the Teresian School must be closed down immediately.

The Parents' Council class representatives beginning this week and subsequently at the beginning of each school year will organise a set of WhatsApp groups for each year group. One of the Parents' Council representatives will be the group administrator for her/his year group. The Parents' Council administer these groups to provide a convenient way to get important school information to parents quickly and efficiently.

All parents will be sent an email from the school inviting them to opt in. To be added to the group, respond to your Parents' Council rep with: Class (eg 1S); Daughter's name (eg Mary O'Neill), Parent's name (eg Michael O'Neill) and phone number (eg 087 1234567)



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The Teresian School Protocols and acceptable usage policy around the use of WhatsApp groups.

1. WhatsApp group membership is entirely opt-in. Parents will not be automatically enrolled.
2. Any issues relating to the whole class or school can be raised directly with the class rep. Individual concerns should be raised with the teacher or, where necessary, the Principal.
3. All messages posted must be courteous and appropriate in nature. Members who post messages which are defamatory, disrespectful or accusatory (for example, toward other students/teachers/ parents) will be removed from the group. Please be mindful of what you post and the effect it will have. Pupils, their families and teachers are entitled to respect, privacy and confidentiality at all times.
4. Please do not respond to every post unless it is required e.g. RSVP, request for volunteers. It is often more appropriate to reply by way of a personal message.
5. The group is not a place to express personal opinions, offer unsolicited advice or engage in gossip.
6. If your daughter forgets to take down homework, we suggest that you contact another parent privately. Students should be responsible for taking down their homework and bad habits quickly form if students are not encouraged to become independent learners.
7. With the exception of raising awareness of school charity events, members are not allowed to post messages of goods/services for sale nor solicit business. If members feel they have something for sale that is of high relevance to other parents, members need to ask their WhatsApp year administrator to post it on their behalf.
8. Photos of students attending school events should not be uploaded to the group without the prior consent of the student's parents.
9. By joining a group, participants agree to these rules