

PARKHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

CODE OF CONDUCT : FOR SCHOOL WHATSAPP COMMUNITY

- Parkhill Primary School's WhatsApp Community Contact groups are set up by the PFA (Parents & Friends Association) group, with the appointed Class Representative acting as the Administrator for each year group.
- Parkhill Primary School does not monitor the contact groups or communicate with parents via the contact groups.
- These groups are intended to facilitate communication with parents and guardians, and to allow parents of each year group to communicate easily with each other regarding school/class matters, e.g., homework, school events etc.
- For any concerns regarding school staff, curriculum, or student wellbeing, please contact the school or follow the Parkhill Primary School Complaints Policy available on the school website. This WhatsApp group is not the appropriate forum for raising these matters.
- The PFA may communicate upcoming PFA events, fundraising activities, working bees and parent social evenings which may be of interest to parents to connect socially with others in the school community.
- Any opinions expressed are the opinions of individual members and may not be representative of the whole group or the PFA. Group administrators are not responsible for any comments posted by individual members of the group, however admins may delete messages if they do not comply with the code of conduct. Admin's decision is final
- Our school's WhatsApp Community and groups may not be used to post inappropriate posts. Such posts include posting personal and/or business promotions, using inappropriate language, or voicing grievances about any individual members of the group. All posts must be consistent with the Department of Education's Respectful Behaviours within the School Community policy, including:
 - parents/guardians model positive behaviour to their child/children and to the school community;
 - communicating politely and respectfully with all members of the school community;
 - working with the school to achieve the best outcomes for their child/children;
 - communicating constructively with the school;

- making use of the expected processes and protocols when raising concerns;
- following the school's processes for communication with staff and making complaints;
- treating all school staff, students, and other members of the school community with respect.

- Please note that the school has a strict Child Safe protection policy on photographs and videos, so please do not take or circulate any in which a student appears unless you have received the permission of the students' parents to do so.
- All communication in a WhatsApp Contact Group is considered private and should not be disseminated outside that group by any individual member without permission.
- The group administrator will review and approve anyone who wishes to join the group.
- The group administrator will have the right to remove participants who do not abide by the Code of Conduct from school WhatsApp Contact Groups, this decision will be final.
- By requesting to join a school WhatsApp Contact Group, participants agree to these rules.
- Please note, by joining a contact group you are sharing your phone number with other parents within your child's year or group but are not visible to the wider community. Once you join, you always have the option to leave the group.