

## Parent WhatsApp Groups

Most years have a parent WhatsApp group to aid communication around school events; these groups are a very useful and efficient way of sharing information and building the school community. While these groups operate independently of the school, it is important that they are inclusive to the whole Solent community. In order to ensure this, please follow the guidelines below when using your year's WhatsApp group.

### **WhatsApp Community Guidelines**

#### **Do's**

- Respect the ethos, vision and values of our school
- Treat all members of the school community with respect
- Keep in mind cultural sensitivity between all group members
- Communicate politely at all times
- Share and celebrate community events which may be of interest to others
- Don't be afraid to ask questions (no matter how silly they may seem)
- Remind each other of important school dates / events
- Offer support and reassurance when needed
- Direct group members to speak directly to the school, should an issue arise
- Remind group members of these guidelines if they are not being followed

#### **Don'ts**

- Use the group as a platform to discuss/air grievances regarding a staff member, child, parent or carer in the class or school
- Discuss the needs or behaviour of specific children at the school
- Use the group as a political platform for airing opinions on current affairs
- Raise grievances with other parents
- Use inappropriate/offensive language