

Parents' guide for the use of a 'What's app' school/class group



What is the etiquette for a class group on What's app?

Is it okay to message at 3am?

What sort of things can I post?

Should I write in capital letters?

Will all parents get my sense of humour?

Do I need to reply to every message to be polite?

Aarrghh – it is a minefield!!

- Do use the group to remind others of class events, trips and homework.
- Do use the group to find missing items or to get an item returned to the right person.
- Do use the group to organise social events that everyone is invited to attend.
- Do use it to ask questions .

- Remember there is no pressure to reply.
- Remember that if it is a school issue then talk to the school – social media is not the place to sort it out.
- Remember to check the tone before you send - when we're in a rush it's easy for a message that sounded polite in your head to actually sound blunter than you intended.
- Remember it is a really useful tool and worth all the 'bings' because one day it could save you some tears if, for example, you forgot it was dress up day!