

The Blue Coat School Parents' Association WhatsApp policy

A WhatsApp group has been created for The Blue Coat School Parents' Association to stay in contact with each other about things pertaining to The Blue Coat School Parents' Association.

The intention is to create a positive and pleasant experience for all members. Please remember that this group is not the platform for expressing personal opinion, unless asked to provide feedback. Members voluntarily provide their personal contact details for the specific reason of information pertaining to the Blue Coat Parents' Association. We are all here to help, keep each other informed and not to vent and undermine other members.

For this form of communication to stay effective and positive, the below rules must be adhered to by everyone on the WhatsApp group. Violating these rules will lead to group removal, at the discretion of the PA Committee.

These rules may be amended and changed from time to time. Group members will be advised of these changes. By remaining on the group, you will be considered as having read, understood and agree to these changes.

RULES

1. The group is not a political platform. No arguing, no heated opinions, no fear-mongering, no hyped-up drama.
2. Never use threatening, abusive, defamatory, vulgar, obscene, hateful, racially or ethnically offensive language and swearing is not allowed. If you are unsure if a comment is appropriate, do not post it.
3. Never EVER use a group to berate someone else or air grievances. If you have an issue address it one on one with the relevant person.
4. Always keep to the purpose of the group, don't share irrelevant messages about other topics.
5. Don't spam the group. If you would like a group to share memes, adverts or deals with then set one up for that exact purpose and invite others to join.
6. Post your message in one single chunk of text, don't post every word or sentence in a new message.
7. Do not have long one-on-one conversations in the group. Switch to private messages.
8. Don't send messages late at night or in the early morning hours unless it is an emergency that everyone should be aware of.

9. Please remember that admins may not always be able to respond immediately and that they will as soon as they can.
10. The group should be used keeping in mind mutual respect and equality and diversity between all its members
11. Admins reserve the right to remove members who won't adhere to these rules and/or Admins' instructions.
12. If you are not sure, ask yourself **these three questions** before you post:
 1. Is this relevant?
 2. Is this necessary?
 3. Is this a good time to post?