



Safeguarding Children - Social Networking

The use of on-line social networking sites (including, but not limited to Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, Snapchat, LinkedIn, and Twitter) has become a very significant part of life for many people. The impact that social networking sites could have on Whitsers Staff, parents, children and families should not be underestimated. Therefore all staff, committee members, students and parents are asked to adhere to the following guidelines.

- Adults in the setting must not post anything that could have a negative impact on Whitsers reputation.
- Adults in the setting must not post anything that could offend any other member of staff, parent, or member of the community.
- Care should be used to avoid language that may be deemed offensive to others.
- Adults / committee members in the setting must not disclose any confidential information relating to the setting.
- If staff/parents/committee members do become 'friends' on a social networking site, staff and committee members should ensure no discussion relating to Whitsers, either positive or negative.
- Safeguarding children is paramount, adults in the setting must not refer to any individual child within the setting.
- Adults should under no circumstances post images taken at Whitsers events which include other children without parental consent.
- Please see policy -Use of Images of Children.
- If staff/parents/carers read a comment that they feel is inappropriate they need to speak to the Playleader about their concern.

Failure to adhere to the rules and guidelines in this policy may be considered misconduct and could lead to disciplinary and /or criminal investigations.

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