

# Whitstable Junior School

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## Whitstable Junior School Facebook Page



Dear Parents,

I just wanted to let you know, in case you don't already, that WJS has a Facebook Page. It is called Whitstable Junior School. Link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/WhitstableJuniorSchool/?ref=bookmarks>

We have really enjoyed sharing all the wonderful things that your children have done during their school year and we are looking forward to sharing many more.

The page is unfortunately not a means of communication with the school. The direct messaging part of the page is not used and simply sends an automated response requesting you to contact the school with your query.

We have enabled comments to be made on the photos that are posted but we politely request that these remain positive and any concerns you may have should be made to the school office by the usual means of communication.

We would like to remind parents that any social media including Facebook is a public domain. Posts from the school Facebook page will not appear on people's news feed unless they have actively sought us out and "liked" the page. Posts to the school Facebook page can be viewed much the same as anything the school displays on the school website. Kent County Council recommends that no schools create closed groups but instead use pages to communicate with their own communities.

As Head teacher, I am the lead member of staff who posts and monitors the page and only members of the Senior Leadership team have administration rights.

We have effectively risk assessed the use of Facebook and we are following Local Authority guidelines on ensuring anything that is shared is safe and within acceptable parameters.

Safeguarding is our primary concern and our policy guidelines around acceptable use of images are very clear. We have asked all parents to sign the parental consent form for posting images of children and keep a close record of any who cannot. As outlined in the school Acceptable Use Policy, no images of children will feature their full name.

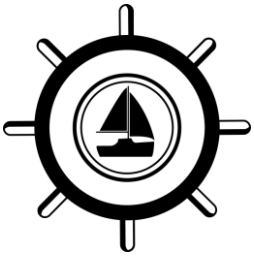
The school would encourage all Facebook users to access Facebook's help section for guidance regarding privacy and safety settings and terms of use.

Kind regards,

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