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FRIENDS OF SALTERGATE SCHOOL (FOSS) Social Media Policy

This policy explains how our association uses social media. It is available and applies to all members of our association.

Details of the social media used by our association

Friends of Saltergate Schools (FOSS) uses Facebook. You can see this here: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/746873253888474</u> And also WhatsApp.

Access to the social media used by our association

The Friends of Saltergate Schools Facebook presence is a private group; meaning you must be approved to join the group before being able to access the page. We have three admin members (the current chair, co-chair and treasurer) who approve any applying members. Only approved members can see posts made to the group. However, once you are a member of the group, you can also post and these will be seen by all other members of the group who have been similarly approved.

The Foss WhatsApp group is a closed group for committee members. Only voted committee members can be part of the WhatsApp group, and those stepping down at the end of the year are expected to leave the group.

Permitted members

The Facebook group of Friends of Saltergate Schools is only intended for members of the association, in this case the parents/guardians, teachers and over 18s with a link to Saltergate Schools. This is regulated through this being a closed group and members needing to gain permission to join from the PTA's Facebook group administrator(s).

Foss does not want to encourage inappropriate use of social media by children. No application to join our Facebook group will be accepted by anyone aged less than 13 years.

How this is used by our association

Friends of Saltergate Schools uses its Facebook group exclusively for the running of the association. It is used to communicate with members, promote events or elements of events, to recruit volunteers to support the PTA's activities, thank local supporters and garner feedback regarding events.

Usage that is not permitted

The Facebook group of Friends of Saltergate Schools does not allow any personal correspondence between members, is not intended for discussing any aspect of the school other than the PTA and its activities and should not be used to promote any business other than where this is done for the benefit of the PTA and with its permission. Inappropriate posts, including any derogatory comment, can and will be removed by the administrator and the PTA retains the right to ban any user who continues to make inappropriate use of the group.

Photographs

The Facebook group of Friends of Saltergate Schools allows members to post photographs. However, it is explicitly assumed that anyone posting a photograph will own the rights to the image and will have the permission of anyone featured to do so. Foss accepts no responsibility regarding ownership or permissions for any photographs posted by members of the group.

Application of this policy

By using the Facebook group of Friends of Saltergate Schools, you are accepting the terms of this policy. If you do not agree with any of the terms, please remove yourself as a member of the group.