

## Office of the Children's Commissioner's Facebook Rules

When posting to our Facebook page, please ensure you do not:

- Disclose sensitive information, for example reporting of abuse or issues surrounding your care.



When you post on our Facebook page lots of other people will be able to see it. Please do not post anything about you that is private, for example information about your care or court cases.

- Disclose personal information e.g. name, address, location, age or any information which could be used to identify you.



There is some information about you which you should keep private such as your address and age. If you're not sure you should ask a parent or guardian for advice.

- Disclose anything which breaches local, national or international law.



Please do not post anything which might be illegal, or against the law. If you're not sure you should ask a parent or guardian for advice.

- Link to or promote petitions. We cannot be seen to endorse or promote other organisations.



Please do not post anything on our wall which asks us to sign something or show our support for a charity.

- Advertise, including spam, commercial or charitable events.



Please do not post on our wall about topics which have nothing to do with the children, young people, or the Office of the Children's Commissioner. Please do not post chain mail on our wall, or information about events which we have not

agreed to go to/attend.

- Disclose information not known to the general public at the time of posting.



Please don't post about anything that is not yet common knowledge or might be a secret, for example if you think your school might be having an event but they haven't told anyone yet.

- Disclose anything which may be in breach of any legal duty owed to a third party, including a contractual duty or duty of confidence



This means posting anything which might be illegal, or against the law. Most things you post should be fine, but if you're not sure you should ask a parent or guardian for advice.

- Impersonate any person or misrepresent your identity or affiliation with any person (including implying that such content emanates from us, if this is not the case)



Please don't pretend to be someone else, for example pretending you are a celebrity or another adult or child. Although you should keep some things about yourself private such as your age or your location, this doesn't mean you should lie about who you are.

- Promote illegal activities



Please do not talk about or encourage others to get involved in things which are against the law, such as drinking alcohol if you are underage or taking drugs.

- Use profane or obscene language



Please do not use swear words or other rude words which you think might upset other people. Please do not use violent or aggressive language.

- Divulge hate speech against ethnic/religious/sexual/age groups



Please do not say nasty things about people's ethnicity (background), religion (who they worship), sexuality (who they are attracted to e.g. men, women or other) or age.

- Disclose unlawful, libellous or defamatory statements



Please do not say something harmful or nasty about another person whether that is someone in your school, or your friend or family.

- Upload links to other websites or content which we may deem to be inappropriate, contain viruses or other harmful programmes



Please do not upload links to content that may upset or be unsuitable for other people, particularly children. This includes videos and/or photos.

- Post rude or offensive comments



Please do not say nasty things about people that might be seen as bullying or might upset someone.

If you fail to comply with these rules, some or all of the following steps will be taken:

- 1.** Your post or comment will be removed. This decision remains with the Office of the Children's Commissioner.
- 2.** We will issue you with a warning via private message.
- 3.** You will be permanently withdrawn from the Office of the Children's Commissioner Facebook page.