

1.3A (2) ONLINE CODE OF BEHAVIOUR (NETIQUETTE) FOR CHILDREN / YOUNG PEOPLE

- **Be kind:** No judgmental attitudes, hate speech or bullying. Negative, hurtful or derogatory comments will not be tolerated. We work to encourage each other. The group should be a safe space for members to express themselves.
- **Respect others:** Respect the different opinions of everyone in the group and listen. Healthy debates are natural, but kindness is required. Keep discussions to the appropriate, designated time for discussion. Follow the instructions of the leader(s).
- **Respect privacy:** No photo-taking, screenshots, screen or voice recordings of meeting. Do not share group codes or passwords with people outside the group. Do not tag other people in photos or posts on social media without their permission.
- **Be honest:** Make a leader aware if you are feeling uncomfortable due to a person or topic being discussed. If you need a break do not be afraid to ask.
- **Be prudent:** Being part of this group requires mutual trust. Authentic, expressive discussions make groups great, but may also be sensitive and private. The group forum is not a suitable place for anyone taking part to disclose that they themselves or someone they know is at risk of abuse. Should anyone have a safeguarding concern the Diocesan Safeguarding details can be found at <https://www.waterfordlismore.ie/safeguarding-children/>
- **Respect confidentiality and do not gossip:** if you are telling a story about someone, ask yourself, "Is this my story to tell?" Do not talk about other people without permission: this includes your family members. Always respect confidentiality: what is said in the group, stays in the group, unless there is a safeguarding concern.
- **Appropriate Dress Code and Surroundings:** Only use the online platform from an appropriate location i.e. bedrooms and bathrooms are not appropriate. Make sure people around you cannot be seen or heard on camera unless they are part of this group. Dress appropriately e.g. pyjamas are not appropriate.
- **Breach of the Code:** Anyone who breaks the rules or acts inappropriately while on the online platform will be removed from the meeting and parents / guardians will be informed.
- **Attendance Log:** I acknowledge that an attendance log of the Zoom call will be retained by the parish/Diocese in accordance with Safeguarding Policies and Procedures.

