

Friends of Thythorn Social Media Policy

Introduction

This policy sets out how Friends of Thythorn uses social media. It is relevant to all within the association and is endorsed by the committee of Friends of Thythorn. It will be reviewed annually to ensure that it remains appropriate to the organisation and its volunteers' needs.

Details of social media used by Friends of Thythorn

Friends of Thythorn uses Facebook.

Access to the social media used by Friends of Thythorn

The Friends of Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-Thythorn-102811501287183/>) is an open page. This means that it can be accessed by any Facebook user without permission being given by Friends of Thythorn. This page also accepts postings from any Facebook user, again without permission being needed from Friends of Thythorn.

The Friends of Thythorn Fundraising group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/185063019240529/>) is a closed group meaning that you can apply to join but this will need to be approved by the Friends of Thythorn through our Facebook group administrator. 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.

Permitted members

The Friends of Facebook Fundraising group is only intended for members of Friends of Thythorn, in this case the parents, teachers and friends of Thythorn Field Primary School. This is regulated through this being a closed group and members needing to gain permission to join from the Friends of Thythorn's Facebook group administrator.

Friends of Thythorn 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 18 years.

How this is used by Friends of Thythorn

Friends of Thythorn uses Facebook 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 Friends of Thythorn activities, thank local supporters and canvass members' views.

Usage that is not permitted

Personal correspondence between members is not permitted on The Friends of Thythorn page or on the Friends of Thythorn Fundraising group. No aspect of the school other than the Friends of Thythorn and its activities should be discussed. They should not be used to promote any business other than where this is done for the benefit of the Friends of Thythorn and permission has been obtained from Friends of Thythorn. Inappropriate posts, including any derogatory comment, can and will be removed by the Friends of Thythorn

Facebook administrator and Friends of Thythorn retains the right to ban any user who makes inappropriate use of the Facebook page and/or group.

Photos

The Friends of Thythorn Fundraising group 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. Friends of Thythorn accepts no responsibility regarding ownership or permissions for any photographs posted by members of the group.

Application of this policy

By using the Friends of Thythorn Facebook page and/or the Friends of Thythorn Fundraising group 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.

Availability of this policy

This policy is publicly available through the school website (<https://www.thythornfield.co.uk/friends-of-thythorn/>), is sent regularly (at least once a year) to all members of Friends of Thythorn for whom an email address is held and is referenced as part of the information stated on our Facebook group page.

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Friends of Thythorn committee prior to the AGM.

Reviewed on 27/09/2021

Signed: D Stevens