



## Using the Black Prince Bowmen WhatsApp community and groups

As a member of Black Prince Bowmen, you agree to:

1. Demonstrate positive behaviour when engaging with others in the club.
2. Not create or access illegal or harmful content.
3. Not send anyone images, videos or messages that are illegal, threatening, offensive, or upsetting.
4. Only take photos, videos or live stream people for whom we have written consent, in line with the club's safeguarding policies and procedures.
5. Understand that if I wish to send messages to participants, I should only use the club's official social media pages, website or send them to club officers responsible for these platforms.
6. Not contact children directly online via personal accounts or 1:1.
7. If a need arises to contact a young person directly (for example in the case of an urgent request or emergency), I will first seek parental permission to confirm the purpose of the contact.
8. Use club-approved communication channels when communicating with parents and carers, rather than personal channels.
9. Not 'friend' or 'follow' children on social media and maintain the same professional boundaries online as I would in person.
10. Take the following steps if a child misinterprets any communication and tries to engage me in conversation online:
  - o end the conversation or stop replying
  - o suggest discussing the subject further at the next practice or event
  - o inform the club's lead safeguarding officer in the interest of transparency if concerned about the child, provide contact details for the club's designated safeguarding lead or appropriate agencies and report any concerns using the club's reporting procedure
11. Be part of any online conversation from the club if I am the parent or carer of a child.
12. Ensure any child you are the parent or carer for does not join any of the sub-groups of the WhatsApp community until they are over 16.
13. Ensure any child you are the parent or carer for does not join the club WhatsApp community or sub-groups until they are over 13 (current minimum age to join WhatsApp).
14. Understand that my behaviour online represents the club and may be addressed if deemed inappropriate.
15. Not give out any of my personal information (such as address or telephone number) online, or that of anyone else.
16. Not share my passwords with anyone else.
17. Report any online concerns using our club's safeguarding procedures.
18. Understand that these rules are designed to keep me and children safe, and if they are not followed disciplinary procedures may be initiated.
19. Be aware that if I experience or witness any bullying behaviour or abuse online, I can contact the club Safeguarding Officer (Matthew).



## Additional agreements for junior members

1. I understand that any WhatsApp communication with the Club should be through the club's official WhatsApp channel and conversations should involve my parent or carer.
2. I understand that my behaviour online may be addressed by my parent, carer, coach or other committee members at the club.
3. I will not give out any of my personal information (such as name, age, address or telephone number) online, or that of anyone else.
4. I will not share my passwords with anyone else.
5. I will not arrange to meet someone that I have met online unless accompanied by a carer or parent.
6. I understand that these rules are designed to keep me safe, and if they are not followed my parents may be contacted.
7. I am aware that if I am experiencing bullying behaviour or abuse online, I can contact the club Safeguarding Officer (Matthew)

I know I can contact Childline on **0800 11 11** or at [childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk) if I have any worries about something I've seen or experienced online.