



**Guidelines for “Message Members’ Private Group” Facebook Group.
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1. Please remember that respect and courtesy are the cornerstones of this group and Message. Please be polite in your exchanges, which include choice of words and being respectful of differing opinions. The Community Guidelines for the Forums on the Message website outlines, in detail, our policies for online communication.
2. No Hate Speech or Bullying - Everyone in this group has the right to feel safe. Bullying of any kind is not allowed and degrading comments on things like race, religion, culture, sexual orientation, gender or identity will not be tolerated.
3. Message moderators will moderate the Facebook group as they do the forums. Members who do not adhere to the guidelines will be removed. Also, please remember that these moderators are volunteers and parents like yourself, please give them time to address your comments.
4. Not all Message members are part of the Facebook group. As such, we ask that any events shared in the Message Facebook group be also posted in the Message Member’s Meet-Up Calendar.
5. Any advertisements for a member’s business or services should only be posted on Monday. An Admin will set up an Advertisements post and all advertisements will be posted in the Comments section of that post only. Advertising posted on different days or other locations will result in removal of said post. This does not include third party recommendations of services or business that a member wants to share with the group
6. This group is open to current Message members only. If you are no longer a member of Message, we ask, out of courtesy to current members, to please either renew your membership or leave the group. Administrators reserve the right to remove non-members.
7. Respect Everyone's Privacy. What makes Message so special is the ability to communicate openly and authentically with other members. This requires mutual trust, as what we share may be sensitive and private. What's shared in this group should stay in the group, or only discussed further in the Message forums. Screenshots of group conversations by other members are strictly forbidden.

8. At the heart of Message we are a community. Communication matters and so during the confinement, we are opening up a private member facebook page to facilitate greater connection, communication and info sharing. We want to emphasise that this is NOT intended to be a replacement for our forums, but an additional means of communication that we offer to our members under these extraordinary circumstances. We are committed to providing our members with the most up to date and user-friendly methods of communication available to us, and we hope this will include a more interactive forum in the not too distant future.