

WhatsApp Group Agreement and Instructions to join

Agreement

1. This is a group for members of the North Dorset Parent and Carer Peer Support Group. It has been set up by Crystal Kerr, the Community Connector at Autism Wessex, who will act as administrator, but not as a “moderator”.
2. This group is intended as a convenient way to share information with members and for members to communicate easily with each other regarding support group matters.
3. This group has been set up as a means of informal communication amongst members, however the following ought to be adhered to:
 - a. The group is not to be used to discuss non-support group related issues.
 - b. Participation is not obligatory and if you join, you have the option of leaving.
 - c. Remember to be considerate, respectful to others and to use appropriate language
 - d. Please refrain from commenting or sharing content that could be interpreted as inappropriate, upsetting or offensive.
 - e. Any opinions expressed are the opinions of individual members. Group administrators are not responsible for any comments posted by individual members of the group.
 - f. In the event that there is a breach of the agreement, the group administrator reserves the right to remove members from the group.
 - g. Respect everyone’s privacy. Everyone who would like to join must consent prior to being added to the WhatsApp Group, as member’s mobile telephone numbers will be visible to all within the group.
 - h. By participating in this WhatsApp Group, you agree to these group rules.

How to join the group

Once you have read the agreement, please send an email to crystal.kerr@autismwessex.org.uk with your mobile number, stating you have read and agree to the terms. You will then be sent a link. To join the group you then can:

1. Download WhatsApp from the Google Play Store on Android or the App Store on iPhone and create an account, if necessary.
2. Tap the link in the invite text — this will prompt WhatsApp to open on your phone.
3. 3. Select "Join Group."

WhatsApp’s [Help Centre](#) provides instructions on:

- Installing & updating WhatsApp
- Verifying your number
- How to change group privacy settings
- How to manage your notifications