



PRINCE OF WALES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (POWAA) UK & IRELAND



Rules and regulations governing the “POWAA UK Membership” WhatsApp Forum

Background

The main purpose of this forum is to exchange information on POWAA UK and the Prince of Wales School (POW) in Freetown. It is being administered and facilitated on behalf of paid-up members of POWAA UK who have opted to participate.

Guidelines

We ask that all POWAA UK forum members agree to the guidelines below:

- a) POWAA UK Secretariat will mainly post official notices, documents and information related to POWAA UK or the development of the POW school in Freetown
- b) Members will mainly post on matters related to the above and also provide advice, comments and guidance to the Secretariat and other members
- c) Matters related to the general development of Sierra Leone are also permitted provided posts are politically neutral and non-offensive and education-related (see below)
- d) Posts on the pastoral welfare of members are encouraged
- e) Official documents posted on the forum should not be forwarded or circulated to any other forum and/or persons
- f) Subscribers must take personal responsibility for the accuracy/veracity of material they post on the forum.

The following categories of posts are not allowed.

- Politically partisan posts
- Pornographic material
- Depictions of graphic violence (images or text)
- Racially offensive, homophobic or tribalistic posts
- Uncivil or rude posts (i.e. there must be civil discourse at all times even where there are disagreements)
- Adverts unrelated to events or products of POWAA UK
- Any posts deemed unbecoming to Princewaleans by the Administrators, or which produce objections from several members

Administrative Arrangements and Sanctions

The names of the administrators of this forum can be found at the top of the participant list in the forum. The administrators are responsible for maintaining access and they are collectively responsible for the ratification of all decisions that might result in the suspension or removal of a participant. These administrators manage the forum on behalf of the Trustees who are the ultimate adjudicators of matters on the forum.

We recognise that people make mistakes and inevitably there might be postings which inadvertently infringe or violate the rules. The Administrators will endeavour to show understanding in such circumstances. but Immediately a member realises that they have accidentally posted non-relevant material, every effort must be made to delete it (for all) without delay. This could render further enforcement action unnecessary.

The Administrators reserve the right to make changes to these rules as and when necessary.

Please note that by agreeing to continue to use the POWAA UK WhatsApp Forum you are also agreeing to keep to WhatsApp general terms and privacy policies.

Enforcement of the guidelines will take the form of:

1. Private messages by an administrator in the first instance to members who violate the rules, warning them of the possible consequences.
2. A failure to respond appropriately to such warnings might result in a more public “cease-and-desist” request.
3. Repeat violations will result in the Administrators agreeing to suspend participation and the trustees will be invited to adjudicate on the matter.
4. There might be instances where administrators might take urgent temporary unilateral decisions in the best interest of the forum.