

# Warsop Web Forum Rules & Regulations & Child Protection Policy

This document is designed to make clear the responsibilities of forum members here at Warsop Web. Please read it and become familiar with it.

## 1. Forum rules

- a. Members should remember this forum is aimed at a general audience, including junior readers. Posting pornographic or generally offensive text, images, links, etc. will not be tolerated and will lead to a warning.
- b. Members must respect the privacy of others and must not give out any personal information about other forum users.
- c. Members are asked not to post personal details on the forum such as telephone numbers and postal addresses.
- d. Posts are to be made in the relevant category or topic. Users are asked to **read** the category descriptions **before** posting. Users who frequently posting to the wrong forum may be given a warning (see policing below).
- e. Members should post in a way that is respectful of other users. Flaming or abusing users in any way will not be tolerated and will lead to a warning.
- f. Members are asked to **not** act as "back seat moderators". If members note an issue that breaks one of these rules, they are asked to bring it to the attention of a member of the Admin Team. *Do not respond to such topics yourself.* Members who consistently "act" as moderators may be warned.
- g. Members are asked to respect the copyright of other sites, media, etc. Users linking to or asking for information on warez, crackz, etc. or re-printing material without permission will receive a warning and their post will be removed.
- h. The use of inline ([IMG][IMG]) image tags pointing to data stored on third party systems for which the user has not received permission to link to may be removed.

- i. Members should use an appropriate, descriptive title when posting a new topic.
- j. Spam is not tolerated here under any circumstance.
- k. Members are asked not to give out information to any 3rd party listing any weaknesses in Warsop Web before first notifying the Admin Team. 3 working days should be allowed for a response.
- l. The Admin Team reserves the right to edit or remove any post at any time. Identifying what could be classed as indecent, vulgar, spam, etc. is up to Team Members and not users.

## 2. Private Messaging (PM)

- a. The above forum rules also apply to private messaging.
- b. If any forum member receives a Private Message (PM) that makes them feel uncomfortable, they should immediately contact a member of the Admin Team.

## 3. Signatures

- a. Signatures should be kept short.
- b. Text sizes should be between 9 and 12 (small and normal). Text in signatures is subject to the same conditions as posts with respect to decency, warez, emoticons etc.
- c. Links in signatures are allowed to a person's own website. You may not link to warez, porn, political, racist or hate sites
- d. Users breaking these rules will be warned.

## 4. Avatars

- a. Users are allowed to make use of a gallery avatar or to link to one of their own. User defined avatars are to be **no larger than 90 pixels square**
- b. Avatars are subject to the same conditions as posts with respect to decency, etc.
- c. Users abusing these rules will be warned.

## 5. Promoting

- a. Warsop Web does not provide a general forum for users to promote their sites. Users may not promote their sites through their own posts unless permission is given by the Admin Team. Such unauthorized posting is classed as spam and may lead to a warning. Users or other persons wishing to advertise at Warsop Web should contact the Admin Team for information.

## 6. Policing

- a. Warsop Web operates a 'three strike' policy. Users will be warned a maximum of three times, after which a temporary ban will be put in place.
- b. Users who feel they have been unfairly warned are welcome to contact a member of the Admin Team. If they feel a user was treated badly they will remove the warning. If the user feels their decision is also unfair they may contact another member of the team.
- c. Any attempt to get around a temporary ban will lead to that ban being made permanent. This includes re-registering under another username and registering a new email account.
- d. The three strike rule does not apply when users contact team members personally (via any method) and post insulting, indecent or vulgar material. Such users will be given an immediate permanent ban.
- e. Permanent bans are a last resort and thought is given before issuing them. While Warsop Web may consider lifting permanent bans this is a rare occurrence.