



# Konstella Usage Policy

## Terms of Use

Konstella is a private communications platform for the Barnard Mandarin Magnet Elementary community, including parents/guardians, teachers, staff, and administration. This platform is intended to help parents connect with other parents in your classroom, grade, and with shared interests. We encourage you to use this platform to arrange playdates or social outings as well!

By joining our Konstella community, you agree to the following guidelines:

- When you register for an account to join our Konstella community, please enter your student's name and join your student's homeroom classroom. If you have multiple students at Barnard, please enter and join the classroom for each. For security reasons, any accounts not connected to a current Barnard student will be removed. There is an optional social group for your cohort of teachers you may join to chat with parents from your classroom and the partner classroom.
- Please be respectful in every interaction with others. This is a great opportunity to connect and communicate with other Barnard parents.
- Never make negative or derogatory comments about a Barnard parent or staff.
- Never raise an issue about a student, parent, staff, teacher, or administration here. Please go directly to the teacher, principal, or parent if you have a concern.
- Konstella is not intended for solicitations. Please do not attempt to promote your business or solicit donations or purchases.

Konstella is administered by the Barnard PTA. While we will not monitor or moderate communications within the platform, if inappropriate comments, posts or groups are reported to us, they will be deleted and users will be removed if in violation of the terms of use.

## Privacy

Konstella is a closed system. No one can login or create an account without Administrator approval.

- Parents must enter their student's name when registering and can enter only their student's homeroom classroom. Anyone registered without a student or attempting to enter a classroom their student is not in will be removed.
- Do not share another parent's or children's personal information in posts or messages.
- Please do not share any parent's contact information outside of Konstella without first receiving permission to do so.
- Information shared inside Konstella should stay within our community.

### Help Reduce Notifications

- When setting up dates on the calendar, there is a reminder feature. Please only use this feature when it is essential.
- After entering details for a signup, event or committee, select Publish (NOT Publish & Notify Users) unless your communication is time sensitive.

#### Appropriate Communications

- Information or questions from teacher or parent
- Committee or social group discussions
- Parent to parent communication (private messages)

### Inappropriate Communications

- Swearing or using language that could offend other parents
- Bullying or making negative comments about a parent, child, teacher or staff
- Solicitation for non-school related organizations
- Debating politics or religion
- Spreading unconfirmed rumors

We are excited to use Konstella for our community! We are relying on our parent community to keep this a positive and helpful environment for all. Thank you!