

WawasanLearn Forum Netiquette

The netiquette guidelines below are to ensure that the forum activity in WawasanLearn is utilised for educational exchanges only.

1. If the message is intended for a specific person, avoid posting your message in the forum thread. To reply to the message sender only, click on the sender's name.
2. When you reply to a message in the forum thread, it is up to you to reply in the thread or in private to the sender. This will depend on whether you think that the other participants are interested in your reply.
3. A common practice is to 'thank' a participant after he/she has posted useful information. Although this is encouraged in conversations, this should be reduced or even avoided in forum participation as it may result in flooding the forum thread with 'thank you' messages.
4. Use only English for all forum discussions in WawasanLearn even if you are not fluent in this language. Always proofread your messages before sending them to avoid grammatical or spelling errors. Do not use SMS language as it may be difficult for other people to understand.
5. Avoid off-topic messages that may disturb or annoy other participants.
6. Be careful of the tone of language that you use when writing a message.
7. Check the file size before sending an attachment. Do not send files larger than 5 MB or post unnecessary attachments as this may not only annoy other participants but may also overload and slow down access to the forum thread.
8. Consider whether your message serves an educational purpose before posting it.
9. Never send information about other people without having first obtained their consent.
10. Do not send insulting messages (e.g., comments about spelling mistakes) or launch personal attacks on other participants in the forum. If you have problems with any participant, please sort it out with him/her privately. Do not send hate messages to provoke other participants, even if you are provoked first.
11. The following types of messages are not allowed to be posted in WawasanLearn's forums:
 - advertisements and commercial messages (spam)
 - virus warnings
 - test messages (e.g., "testing using this forum")
 - political and religious messages
 - hoaxes
 - messages that may constitute invasions of privacy (e.g., posting another person's telephone number without their permission)
 - messages that are misleading or in any way defamatory
 - offensive, obscene, and abusive messages
 - racist messages
 - messages promoting discrimination, violence or hatred