

## Using iMessage in iOS8

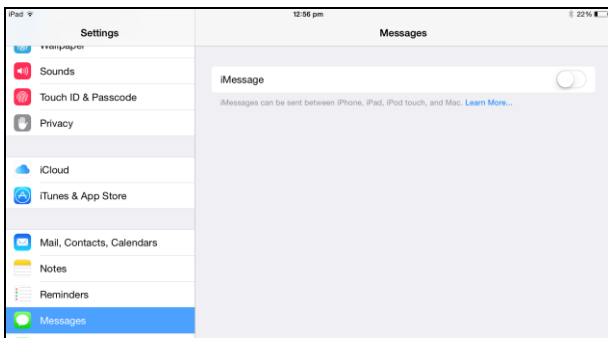


iMessage is a built-in messaging app available on Apple devices such as iPads and iPhones that allows the sending of text, photos, videos, links and more. It allows you to send messages to one or many people at once. Although iMessage is a useful tool, it is not allowed to be used during school hours and you may wish to restrict access to it permanently. Here are some guidelines for disabling the iMessage app and for managing group messages.

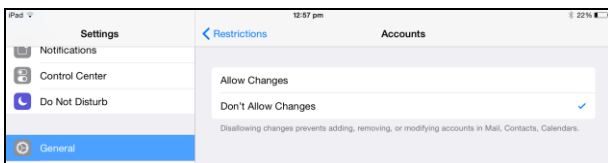
***Please note, that this information is relevant to devices running iOS8 only.***

### Disabling the iMessage App

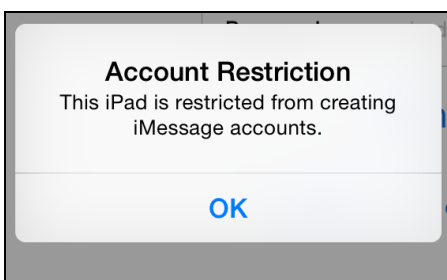
**Step 1 :** Go to 'Settings > Messages' and turn iMessage OFF



**Step 2 :** Go to 'Settings > General > Restrictions > Accounts' and select "Don't Allow Changes". (Restrictions must be enabled first).

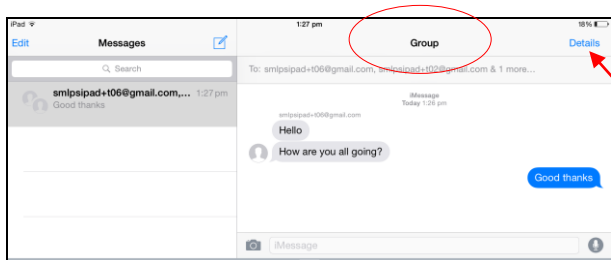


**Step 3 :** Open the iMessage app. The following message should appear and the app will close.

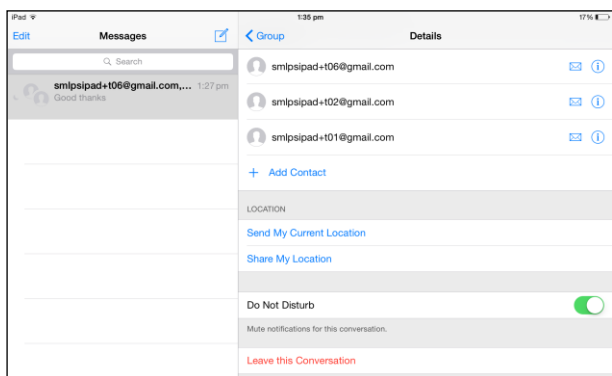


## Managing Group Messages

If you have been included in a group message, the word 'Group' will appear at the top of the screen.



You can manage the group message settings by tapping on 'Details'.



Participants

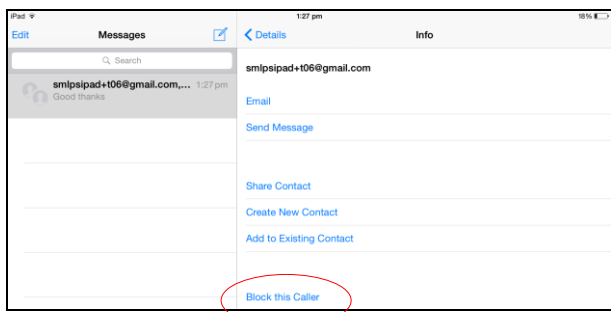
Muting Notifications

Leaving a Group Message

**Muting Notifications :** If you do not want to receive a notification (and beep) every time a message is sent to the group, turn 'Do Not Disturb' ON.

**Leaving a Group Message :** If the group message has more than 3 participants, you can leave the group message by tapping on 'Leave this Conversation'.

**Blocking a Contact :** You can block a contact who is part of the group message by clicking on the 'i' button next to the contact and then on 'Block this Caller'.



**Removing a Participant from the Group Message :** If the group message has more than 3 participants, the person who initially created the group message can remove a participant from the message by clicking on 'Details, then swiping the name of the person from right to left and then tapping 'Delete'.

**Deleting a Group Message :** Any message can be deleted by tapping 'Edit', then selecting the message(s) and then tapping 'Delete'. However, if you are still a part of a group message and another message is posted, the group message will re-appear.