

Twitter is a micro blogging service. Users can send messages no longer than 280 characters. Users express themselves, share stories, pictures and articles.

17%*
12-15 year olds
get their news
from Twitter.



13+

**How old you
have to be to
use it.**

Users can post messages, images, videos and other online content. Users can follow other users, like and retweet other content and can follow conversations using hashtags.



Users can find out about a wide range of information and stay up to date with the latest news, broadening an understanding of events across the world. It's easy to connect with your favourite band, musicians or celebrities, brand or make a new connection.

Twitter



**What parents and
carers need to know**

**300m+
users**

This is a very public platform, however users can create private accounts. Tweets can be seen by thousands in seconds. Unless they are protected, Tweets are public - which can mean that others can re-share, comment upon and collect information and images you share. Remember, think before you Tweet - if your Tweets are public, anyone can see them and respond to them with their own comments.



Useful tips

- Learn how to block and report content and other users.
- Understand the importance of the blue tick which means the account is verified.
- Use critical thinking, not everything will be accurate and true.

Seen something harmful?

Get help from
[ReportHarmfulContent.com](https://www.reportharmfulcontent.com)



For more on keeping safe online

[hwb.gov.wales](https://www.hwb.gov.wales)

Access Twitter support at
about.twitter.com/en_gb/safety.html

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