

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

REAL FAKE



This is a very public platform, however users can create private accounts. Tweets can be seen by thousands in seconds. Personal information and images can be harvested. By making public comments, some users may attract unwelcome or negative attention.

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



For more on keeping safe online

hwb.gov.wales

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

Find out more in these checklists tiny.cc/Checklists



*Source Ofcom: Children and Parents Media Use and Attitudes survey 2020.