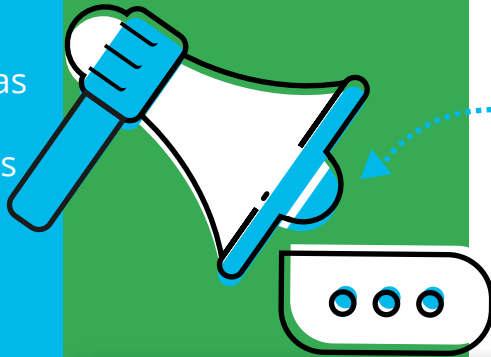**Misinformation** is 'wrong information which is given to someone, often in a deliberate attempt to make them believe something which is not true.' *(Collins English Dictionary)*

"5G is causing Coronavirus"

Just one example of misinformation.

Misinformation has been rising over recent years and is often spread through social media platforms. Deliberate misinformation (disinformation) may also be called propaganda. It's often combined into the term 'Fake News'.

Social media gives us all a voice. Some users promote extreme views which may only give one side of the argument. We all need to find out about both sides before making up our mind.

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Misinformation

Users often re-share information believing it to be true. But motives for sharing can be complex.

What parents and carers need to know

92% of children in Wales have completed the MMR vaccine. This has contributed to UK losing it's 'Measles-free' status from the World Health Organisation and a rise in Measles cases. *(NHS digital/Public Health Wales)*

What you can do

- Check multiple sources.
- Use Full fact or Snopes to fact check.
- View content critically and question accuracy.
- Check an offline source.
- Report misinformation to the platform/app.
- Get a second opinion.

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