





# Twitter

## Safety Tips for Parents / Carers / Teachers



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### **Protect passwords**

Explain to your child/pupil that passwords should never be shared, not even with their friends. If the home computer is shared, remind them to always log out when they finish their Twitter session to develop good online safety habits. It's important to log out of any websites they logged into on a shared computer, otherwise, other people may be able to access their information.

### **Think before tweeting**

You may have seen children/pupil say or write things that were not meant to be hurtful but that others found offensive or upsetting. Help your child/pupil evaluate whether or not something is okay to post by reminding them that if they wouldn't say it to the person's face or out loud, they shouldn't say it online either.

The nature of the Internet makes it difficult to completely erase content. Consider having a conversation about how what gets posted online can hurt feelings, affect offline relationships and even jeopardize future opportunities.

### **Remember Twitter is a public space**

Most of the communication taking place on Twitter is viewable to everyone. Since the information posted is public, it can be retweeted on the site by anyone who sees it.

While Tweets can be protected so only approved followers can see them, most users share their Tweets with everyone. If your child/pupil wants their Tweets to only be available to approved followers, they can [protect their Tweets](#).

### **Block and ignore**

If your child/pupil receives unwanted tweets from another user, Twitter recommends that he or she block that user and end communication. Ignoring the content shows unwillingness to engage in such interaction, and in most cases, the aggressor loses interest. Blocking the user will empower your child/pupil by preventing the blocked user from following them.

### **Report a violation**

Get to know the [Twitter Rules](#). If you believe an account is violating our rules, you or your child can [file a report](#).

