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## Twitter: A Guide for Parents



Twitter is a social media site and app that lets you post messages called tweets. These can be up to 280 characters long. As well as tweets, you can send private messages and post pictures and videos.

On Twitter, each profile is public to everyone else unless the user decides to make it private. Twitter users have “followers,” or people who can see each tweet they post on a homepage or home feed.

### **How to set up a Twitter account**

Twitter is free and it's very simple to sign up for an account.

1. Visit <https://twitter.com> and click Sign Up
2. Enter your name and then an email or phone number
3. Create a password
4. Customise your experience by selecting the options on the screen
5. Create your account and click Sign Up
6. You will receive a verification code (via email or text). Fill this in and select Next.
7. You can add a picture and bio, and follow accounts - or you can skip these sections
8. Search for people to follow

Suggestions:

[@Bellbaxter\\_HS](#)

Bell Baxter High School Main Account

[@Bellbaxter\\_hwb](#)

Health & Well Being Faculty at Bell Baxter High School

[@science\\_bbhs](#)

Science Faculty at Bell Baxter High School

[@BBHSDofE](#)

Duke of Edinburgh at Bell Baxter High School

You are now ready to tweet and follow the tweets of others.



## Glossary of Terms

**Tweet** - a message on Twitter limited to 280 characters including spaces. A tweet can include links, photos or videos. A tweet is public

**Hashtag** - used to mark keywords or topics in a Tweet. You can **Explore** (or search for) hashtags.



**Reply** - any update posted by clicking the Reply button on a Tweet. This is like being part of a conversation. Replies are public

**Mention** - is any tweet that contains “@username” anywhere in the body of the Tweet. This is a way for someone to name-check you, or you them. A mention is public



**Retweet** - is someone else’s Tweet that you chose to share with all of your followers. A retweet is public



**Like** - if you like someone’s Tweet, you can click to say that you like it

**Direct Message (DM)** - is a private message sent via Twitter. You can only send a direct message to a user who is following you; you can only receive a direct message from users you follow

**Following** - you follow a person/organisation/brand. This way, all their tweets will appear in your **Home** feed

**Followers** - are people who receive your Tweets. Every one of your Tweets will appear in their Home feed

**Notifications** - you will receive a notification when someone follows, retweets, likes your tweets

**Profile** - you can see all your tweets and retweets