

# How to use Twitter: *A guide for parents*




We have now been using Twitter for over a year and it is a great way to share useful information, links, tips and photos of events in school. Unfortunately, many adults say they “don’t understand it” – so we have produced this helpful guide!

**Please note: this guide is for adults ONLY: you have to be 13 or over to sign up for a Twitter account.**

## Signing up

- Go to [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) and sign up using your email address (it’s free!). If you have a tablet or smartphone, you can download the app. Choose a username that can be used to identify you.
- You can edit your profile by adding a photo or selecting things you’re interested in to “help personalise your experience,” (both are optional).
- Once registered, you can edit your preferences by clicking on your profile picture.

## Getting started

- A ‘tweet’ is a 140-character message that is shared on the site. These can be seen by anyone unless you ‘protect’ them via the settings.
- Search for our school account: [@Wharncliffe\\_Side](https://twitter.com/Wharncliffe_Side) and click ‘follow’ to see our tweets.
- Other useful accounts to follow include: [@natonlinesafety](https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety), [@NorthSheffield](https://twitter.com/NorthSheffield), [@LittleSheffield](https://twitter.com/LittleSheffield), [@MuseumSheffield](https://twitter.com/MuseumSheffield), [@ShefParentForum](https://twitter.com/ShefParentForum) and many more!
- Recent tweets from anyone you follow will appear on your ‘home’ screen. You can turn ‘notifications’ (e.g. when someone follows you or comments on your tweets) on or off. You can also choose to be notified every time we tweet by clicking 
- You can send direct messages to individual users by clicking the envelope icon. It is possible to turn this facility off via ‘settings’.

## Tweeting

- When sending a tweet, use a ‘hashtag’ (e.g. #education) to enable more users to find your tweet when searching for a particular subject.
- You can ‘like’ tweets you agree with or ‘retweet’ them (share them with your followers).
- If you’re wanting to communicate with a particular user, add their @username to ensure they see your tweet.

**Remember to set a good example to your children by following safe and sensible procedures when using social media (there are loads of tips online about this).**

# Selected tweets from @Wharnccliffe\_Sch:

**Wharnccliffe Side School** @Wharnccliffe\_Sch · Feb 13

#OnlineSafety is a worry for all of us. We will now be sharing these #WakeUpWednesday guides for parents every week - courtesy of @natonlinesafety. Definitely worth a read!

**National Online Safety** @natonlinesafety  
This #WakeUpWednesday we're talking about 'Catfishing'; fake social profiles that go above and beyond to catch their victims... hook, line and sinker! 🐟 #OnlineSafety #WatchOutCatfishAbout HD Version here: ...

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**Wharnccliffe Side School** @Wharnccliffe\_Sch · Feb 8

What a brilliant piece of home learning completed by one of our Reception children! We are so proud of him! #superstar



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**Wharnccliffe Side School** @Wharnccliffe\_Sch · Jan 10

Screen time? 📱 This week, the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health released a report into screen time. There's no definitive line on what a 'safe' amount of screen time looks like but here are sensible ways to think about limits. [parentzone.org.uk/article/5-thin...](http://parentzone.org.uk/article/5-thin...) #screentime

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**Wharnccliffe Side School** @Wharnccliffe\_Sch · 12 Nov 2018

#LestWeForget



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**CRESST** @CRESST · Jan 21

One of many lovely moments from our #PeerMediation #PeaceMakers conference last week. Sheffield is so proud of you! #sheffidissuper @MagicMagid



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**Wharnccliffe Side School** @Wharnccliffe\_Sch · Feb 14

Remember: school is CLOSED today for an INSET day. Have a lovely half-term break and we'll see you soon!

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**Wharnccliffe Side School** @Wharnccliffe\_Sch · Feb 7

As you may have heard, we had a very special visitor in school today, @Forester45 was very popular amongst the children - and staff! #swfc



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**Pete McKee** @PeteMcKee · 24 Oct 2018

They've done a fantastic job. The teachers make great models. Really chuffed and honoured that the kids have found inspiration to create using my style.

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**Wharnccliffe Side School** @Wharnccliffe\_Sch

Hi @PeteMcKee, what do you think of our pictures? Class 5 have been inspired by your work and drawn our staff in your style... What do you think? P.S. There are loads more examples on our school...



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