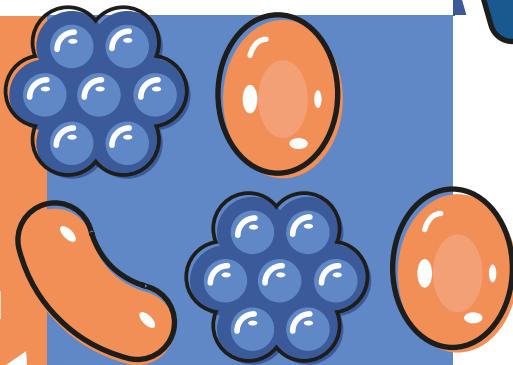


**Facebook is a social network.** Users can connect with other users, like, share and interact with published content. Users are able to share almost any type of content.



**69%\***  
of 12-15 year  
olds use  
Facebook.

Users can see information and news from friends and brands, or organisations and re-share or like. Users can comment on, or like, posts. Likes can be important to some users. Others may enjoy playing games on Facebook.



Users can connect directly through the Messenger app for private messaging. A wide range of content can be shared in messenger and on Facebook including live video. Users can control who can see shared content.

**13+**

How old you  
have to be to  
use it.

# Facebook



## What parents and carers need to know



Facebook is a public platform, content can be set to 'only me', 'friends', 'friends of friends' and 'public'. Users should consider their online reputation when sharing content. Facebook processes large amounts of information about their users.

### Useful tips

- Regularly review settings.
- Know how to manage your friends, apps and games.
- Make sure you know how to block content and report users, particularly if you're posting content publicly.

### Seen something harmful?

Get help from  
[ReportHarmfulContent.com](https://www.reportharmfulcontent.com)



### For more on keeping safe online

[hwb.gov.wales](https://www.hwb.gov.wales)

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[facebook.com/help](https://facebook.com/help)

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