

## Text Alerts for Roydvale School Parents.

We will use Twitter as a cost effective way of us getting messages out to over 400 parents at a time.

You **don't need to become a Twitter addict** to get access to this service. After signing up you never need to look at Twitter again.

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Tweets are short messages which we send as:

- Event reminders.
  - Urgent updates/postponements/cancellations.
  - Information on late running buses/class trips/sudden changes of plan.
  - Emergency situations
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On a computer signup at [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com)

The screenshot shows the Twitter sign-up page. At the top left is the heading "Join the Conversation" and a link "Already on Twitter? Sign in." Below this is a link "Already use Twitter on your phone? Finish signup now." The form contains several input fields: "Full name" (with a note: "Your full name will appear on your public profile"), "Username" (with a note: "Your public profile: http://twitter.com/ USERNAME"), "Password", and "Email". Below the "Email" field is a checked checkbox "Let others find me by my email address" and a note "Note: Email will not be publicly displayed". There is a "Terms of Service" section with a "Printable version" link and a scrollable text area containing the terms. Below this is a note: "By clicking on 'Create my account' below, you are agreeing to the Terms of Service above and the Privacy Policy." A "Create my account" button is present. At the bottom is a checked checkbox "I want the inside scoop—please send me email updates!"

You do not have to enter your real Full Name. After this screen, skip the next steps

## Once set up on the computer, grab your mobile phone

1. Text **follow roydvaleschool** to 8987
2. Wait for a reply
3. Reply with the Twitter **username** you just created
4. Wait for a reply
5. Reply with the **password** you just created
6. Wait for a reply
7. Reply with **OK**
8. Text **follow roydvaleschool** to 8987

You are now in business. **You don't need to visit Twitter Website again.**

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## To stop texts

Send OFF @roydvaleschool to 8987

You might like to get all texts all of the time, or only activate this service when your child is out on a school trip. It is up to you.

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## Text service on or off you can still see all Tweets

-On the front page of [www.roydvale.school.nz](http://www.roydvale.school.nz)

-On the school's FaceBook page