

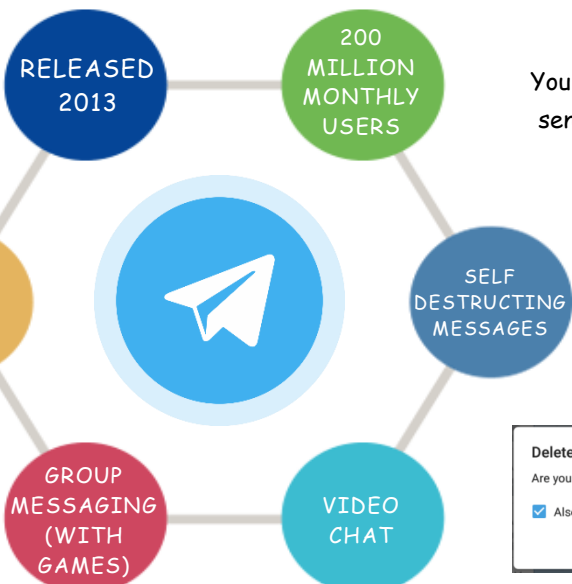
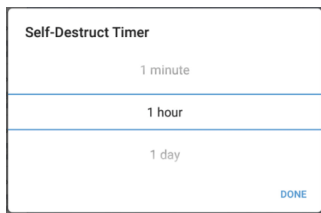


Telegram came out in 2013, it has similar features to WhatsApp, but with the new terms and conditions that WhatsApp will be introducing in 2021, Users began moving to Telegram, seeing it as a more secure and private way of messaging.

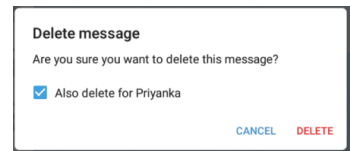
### You can access your child's conversations on a second device.

- 1) Download the Telegram App on your Laptop or Computer (not a phone).
- 2) Sign up your child on their mobile phone.
- 3) Sign into the App/Software on your computer, go to settings on their phone, then "devices" and scan the QR code that will then show on your laptop, with their phone. The account will then sync.

End to End Encryption on Telegram is only achievable using "secret chat" which is a hidden chat feature. E2E Encryption is something many users will want, as it stops almost all interceptions of your messages, meaning you cannot be hacked.



You can delete any messages sent by you, up to 48 hours after sending them.



You can set messages to "self-destruct" which erases all trace from Telegrams Servers too.



# Telegram



## Positive Points

1. It is free to use on all devices and one account can be accessed on multiple devices, accessing the same chats.
2. Telegram has features within its chats and group chats, such as quizzes and "bots" which talk to you (like saying, "Hey Alexa...") which make the groups more engaging.
3. Some of the Privacy features in place mean you can block people who are not on your contacts list from contacting you or stop the forwarding of your messages.
4. Lastly, you can send files up to 1.5GB which is around 10x bigger than Signal or WhatsApp.



## Negative Points

1. In theory, Telegram can access and read your messages from a normal chat (excluding secret chat). It does not mean they would, but the potential is there.
2. Telegram claim Privacy is at the heart of what they do, yet their services are less secure than Signal or WhatsApp.
3. Like any messenger services, there is an element of risk around the people they are willingly speaking to, so open channels of communication between you and your child are vital to protect against this.

### Parent Opinion: *Mother of 11 & 13-year-old*

*It is just like whatsapp, but my friends started using it, so did I after that and I recently introduced my kids to it for family group chats. I love the games on the chats, good fun of an evening, especially in lockdown. My eldest still uses whatsapp too because his friends are on there.*

