



#### **Online Nation**

2021 report



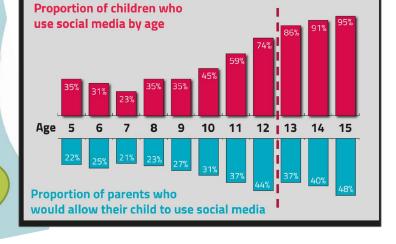




of 12-15s have seen hateful content in the past 12 months

86% of parents aware that there are minimum age requirements ...

... 38% stated correct age of 13 years





## Welcome! E-Safety Workshop for Parents/Carers

## At a glance...

- Children aged 7 to 16 spend nearly four hours a day online
- Much of internet use is centred on watching video content and gaming
- YouTube continues to be used by virtually most, while TikTok grew rapidly in 2020
- Whilst the internet was a vital lifeline in 2020, over half of children had a negative experience online
- YouTube removed 34.8 million videos in 2020, while TikTok removed 194 million videos - child safety was the most common reason
- The pandemic has resulted in an abundance of information, which includes inaccurate and misleading information

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#### **5-15** year olds

**61%** have their own tablet, and **55%** their own smartphone

To go online - 70% use a tablet, 69% a laptop, and 65% a smartphone

56% watch live broadcast TV, and 91% watch video-on-demand content\*

71% play games online

55% use social media apps/sites

65% use messaging apps/sites

97% use video-sharing platforms (VSP)

45% use live streaming apps/sites

#### Media use by age in 2020: a snapshot

5-7 year olds

57% have their own tablet, and 14% their own smartphone

To go online - 77% use a tablet, 51% a laptop, and 40% a smartphone

48% watch live broadcast TV, and 88% watch video-on-demand content\*

50% play games online

30% use social media apps/sites
33% use messaging apps/sites
96% use video-sharing platforms (VSP)

33% use live streaming apps/sites

8-11 year olds

66% have their own tablet, and 49% their own smartphone

To go online - 76% use a tablet, 72% a laptop, and 62% a smartphone

58% watch live broadcast TV, and 91% watch video-on-demand content\*

78% play games online

44% use social media apps/sites

64% use messaging apps/sites

96% use video-sharing platforms (VSP)

39% use live streaming apps/sites

40% are aware of ad placements in search engines (8-11s who go online and use search engines)

27% have seen worrying or nasty content online (8-11s who go online)



#### Media use by age in 2020: a snapshot

#### Discussion points for parents/carers

- 1. Have you talked to your child about their life and experiences online during and after lockdown?
- 2. Are you familiar with the apps your child is on and if they are age appropriate?

3. Do you talk to your child about the sites they use and what they share?
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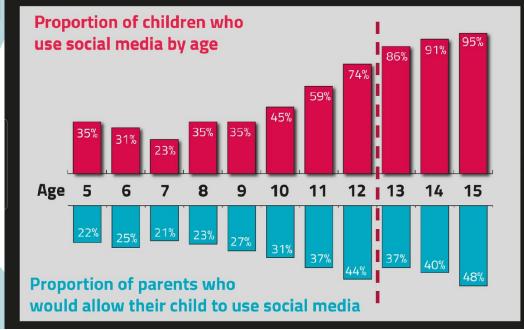
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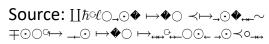
4. Do you know what they are watching ?re minimum age requirements ...

#### Tips for keeping children safe

- Manage screen time
- Set controls and settings
- keep up with the latest trends, apps and games
- Talk to children about **risk** from bullying and sharing content, to extremism and gangs







## Age inappropriate content



### Age inappropriate content

# Advice for Parents & Carers

#### TALK IT THROUGH

Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched. Remind your child they can always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Before offering advice, discuss what they saw, how they felt and how they came to find the content in question.



#### CONNECT, DON'T CORRECT

If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistake – but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised. You could tell them about any similar experiences you might have had at their age, and how you dealt with it.

#### **BLOCK, REPORT, CONTROL**

After discussing the problem, you and your child can take action together. This could include blocking any inappropriate sites and reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To further safeguard your child online, set up parental controls on internet-enabled devices that they use. This will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content in future.

#### **GET SPECIALIST HELP**

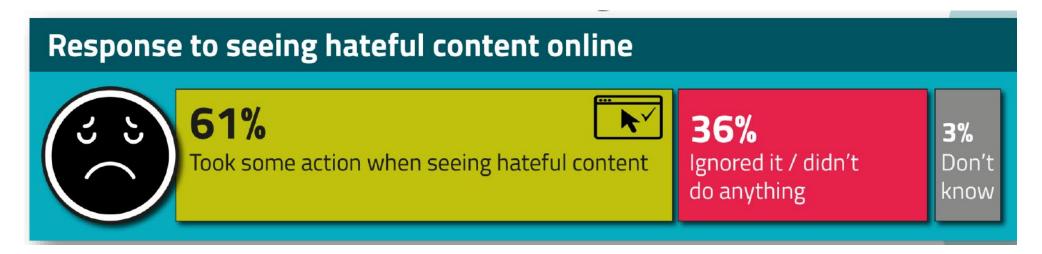
Age-inappropriate content can potentially have a negative impact on a child's mental health, which is sometimes displayed through changes in their behaviour. If the problem becomes more severe, you might consider reaching out to a mental health professional or an expert in this field who can provide you and your child with the proper support.



#### STAY CALM

Even though it is obviously difficult to stay rational in a situation where your child has been put at risk, it's essential to think before you react. Your child may well have hesitated to open up to you about watching inappropriate content for fear of the consequences, so being calm and supportive will reinforce the notion that it would be easy to talk to you about similar issues in the future.

#### What if they come across hateful or extremist behaviour or content online?

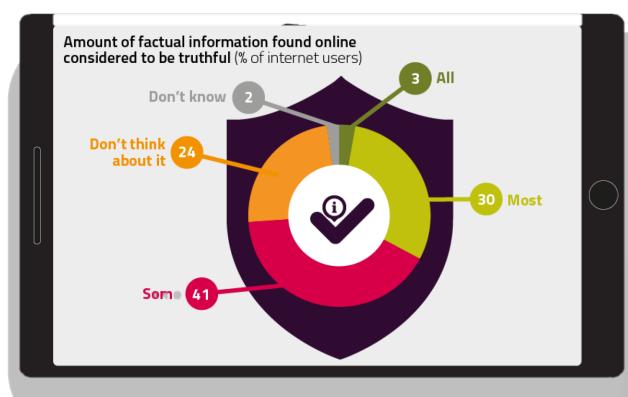


Visit goingtoofar.lgfl.net to find out how to:

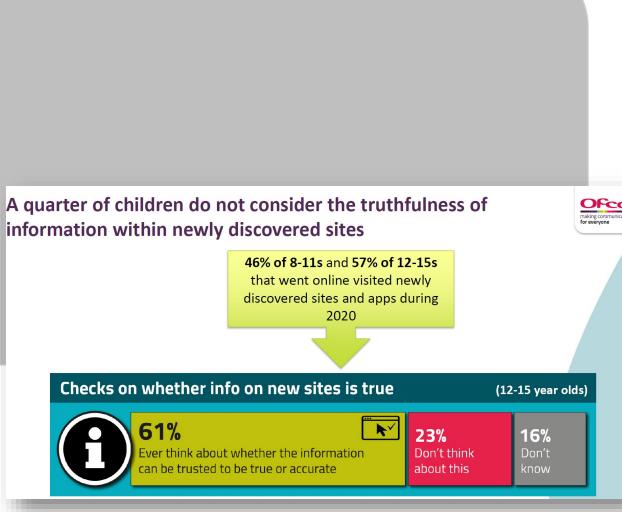
- recognise extremist behaviour and content
- understand actions likely to attract police investigation
- get help
- report concerns



#### Do your children trust everything they see online?







#### Why not have a family agreement to:

- **clarify** what is allowed...or not
- establish ground rules like no phones at the table or in the bedroom at night-time
- agree shared expectations to reduce arguments and keep everyone safe & healthy

Your child will bring home an e-safety pack, you will find a copy of the 'Digital Family Agreement'.





# Digital Family Agreement DigiSafe®







I will:

Why?

Parent/carer will:

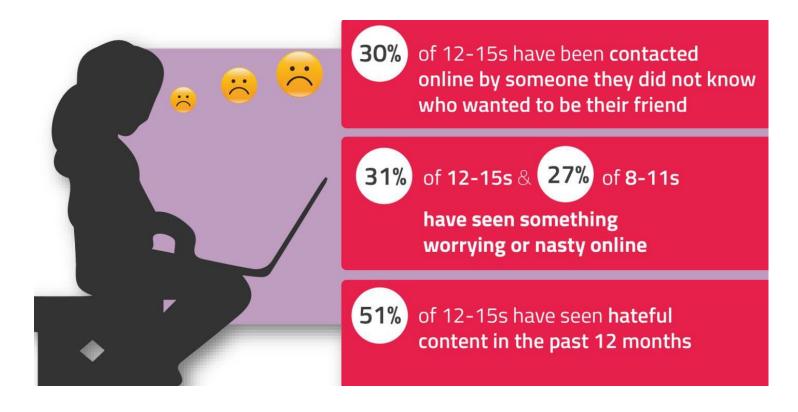
Why?

If there are any issues:

If I'm worried by anything:

Signed:

#### Do they know who to talk to or how to report any concerns?



Go to <u>reporting.lgfl.net</u> to find out how to remove content from social media and where to report bullying, racial hatred, terrorism, sexual abuse and more



1. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZaSJHFhOl-o">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZaSJHFhOl-o</a>

**Video links** 

2. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HD5MmuLDeFE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HD5MmuLDeFE</a>

3. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjAmB0UHnHE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjAmB0UHnHE</a>