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PROTECTING AND EMPOWERING CHILDREN IN THE ONLINE WORLD

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LET'S TALK ONLINE SAFETY





OUR MISSION:

TO EMPOWER CHILDREN, PARENTS AND TEACHERS
TO NAVIGATE THE ONLINE WORLD IN A STRONGER,
SMARTER AND SAFER WAY

THE RISKS

Mother of teenager who killed himself appeals for kindness online

25% of teens admit to sexting others

Teens at risk of stalking as images used on porn sites

Most boys think online pornography is realistic, finds study

Paedophiles groom kids in 20 minutes

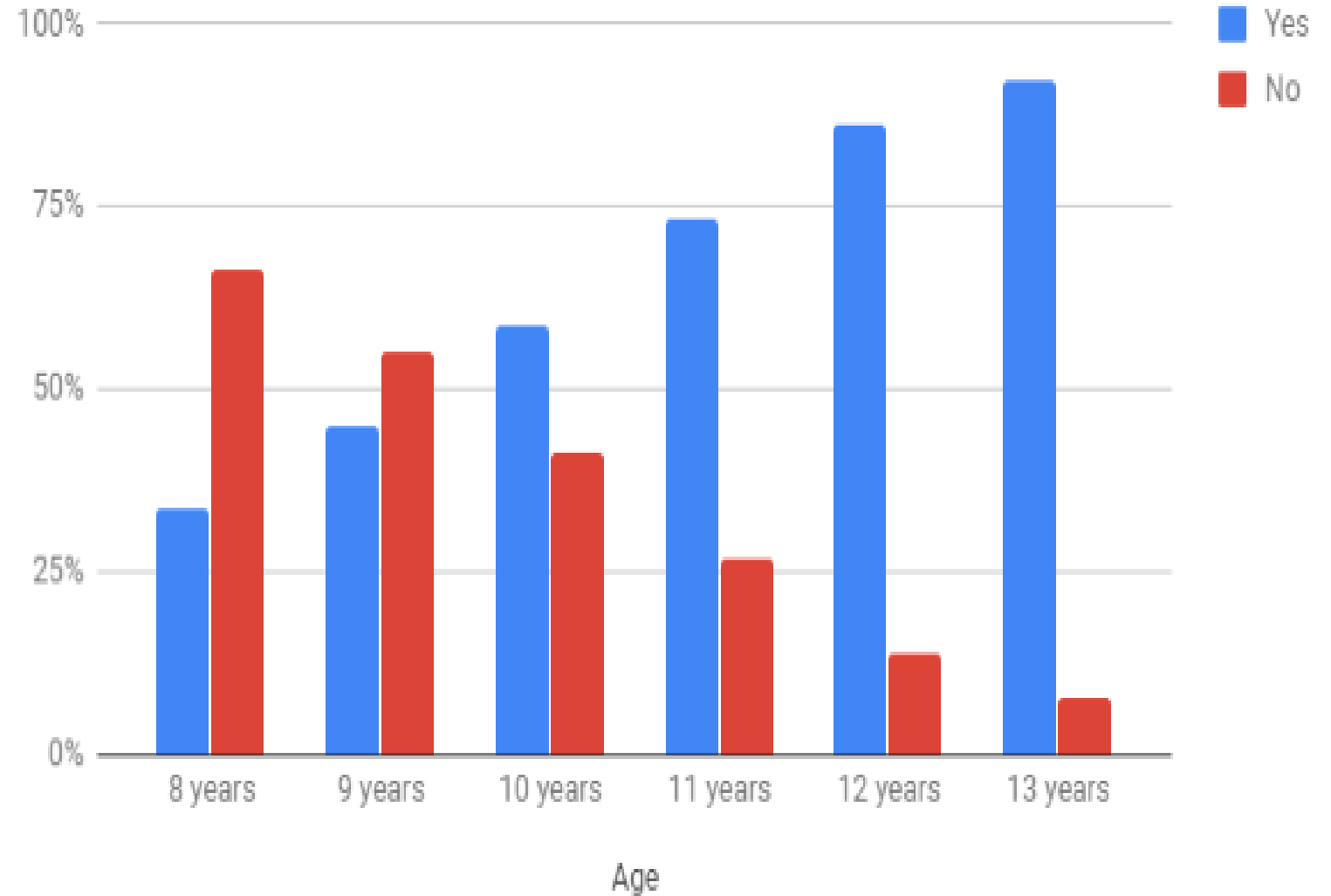
Twelve-year-olds among first patients at NHS gaming addiction centre

Mental health risks to girls who spend more than an hour a day on social media

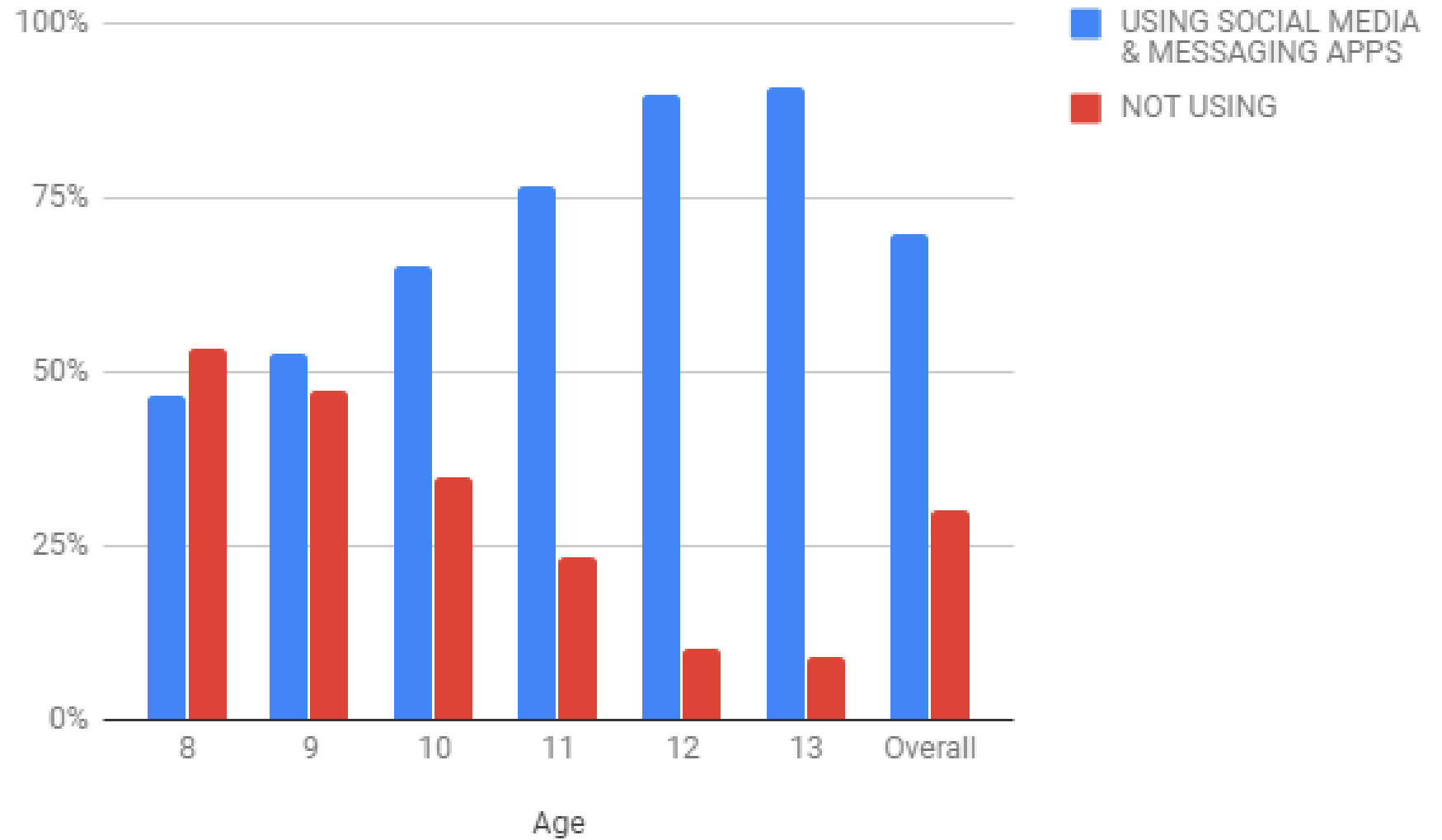
TREND DATA FOR 2017 – 18

Smartphone ownership

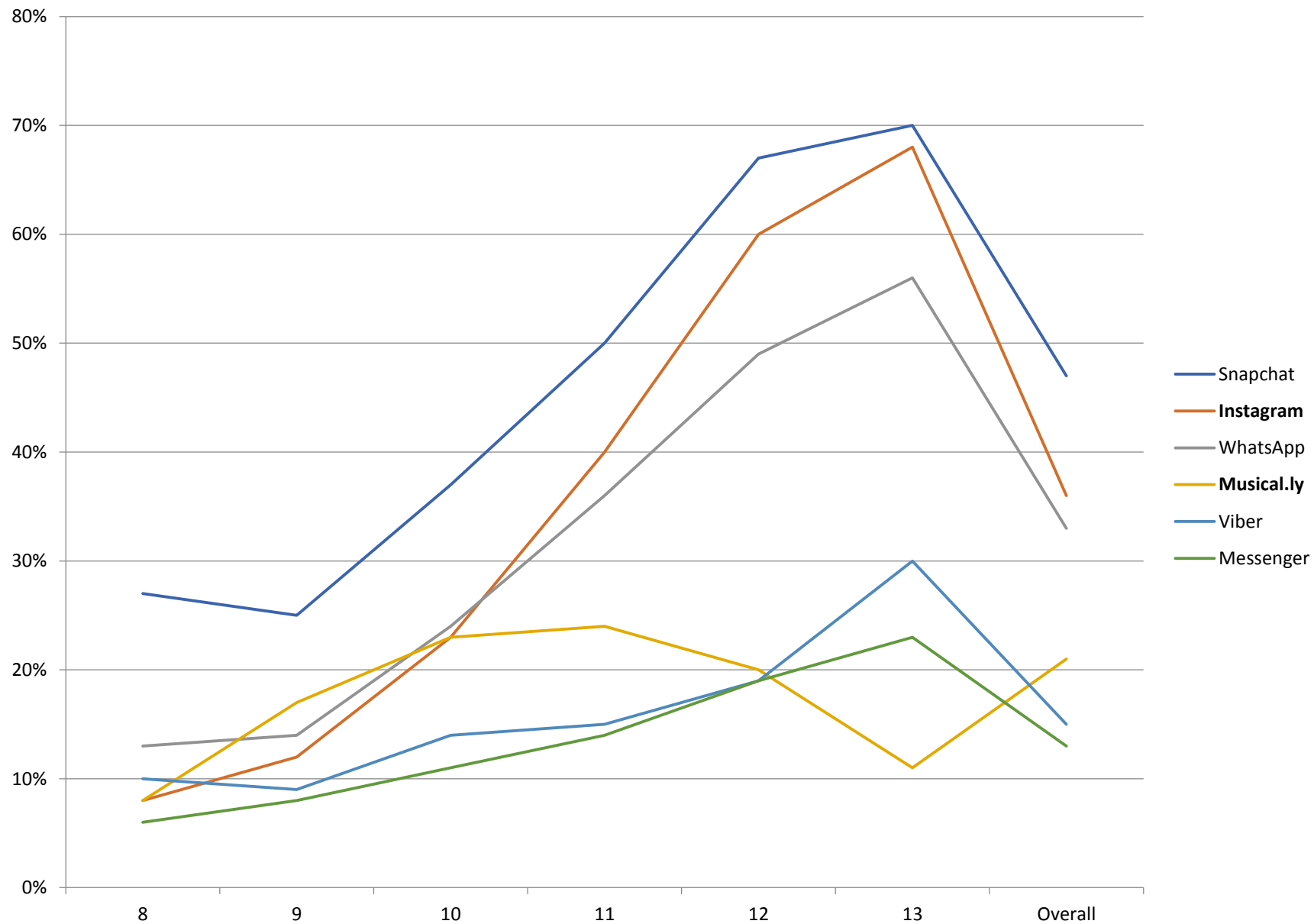
Do you own a smartphone by age



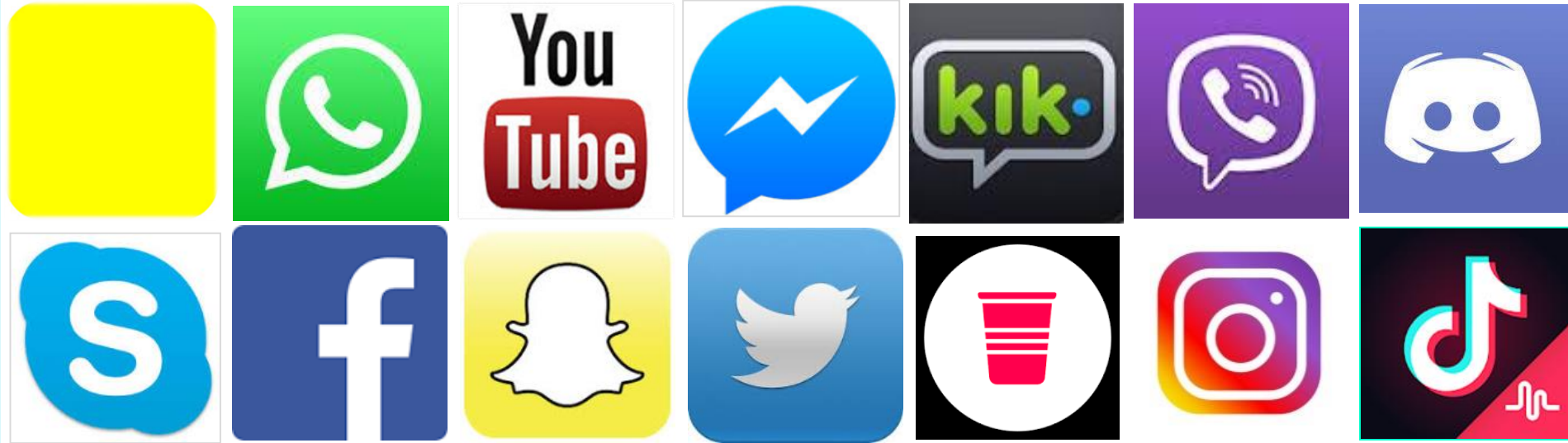
USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA & MESSAGING APPS



MOST POPULAR APPS 2017-2018

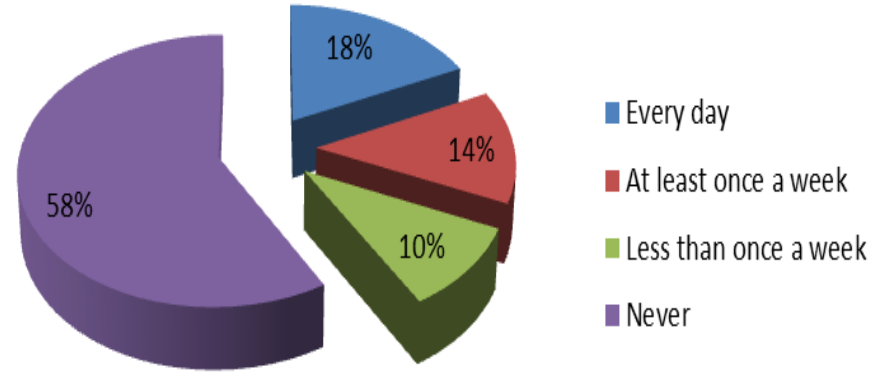


SOCIAL MEDIA & MESSAGING APPS

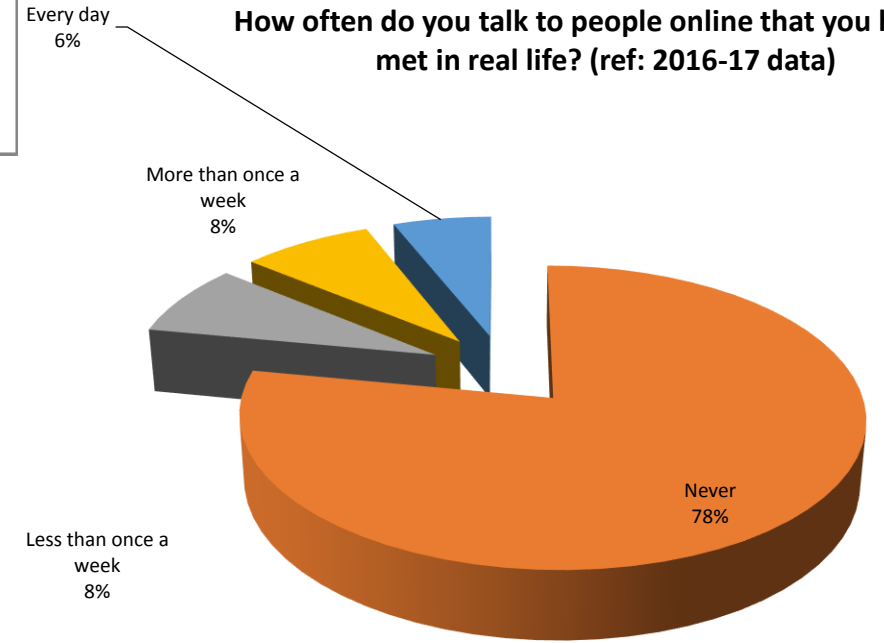


TALKING TO STRANGERS

2017 – 2018 data

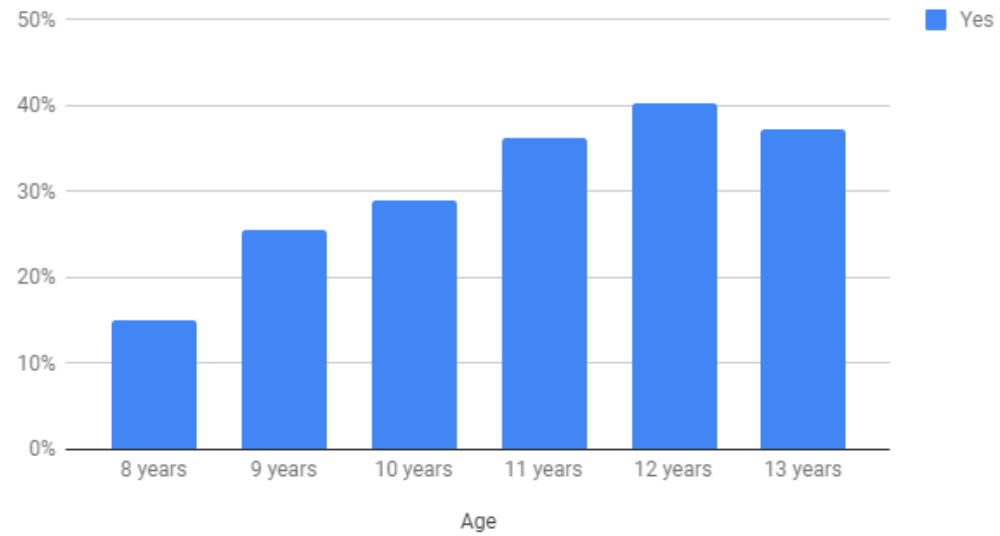


How often do you talk to people online that you haven't met in real life? (ref: 2016-17 data)

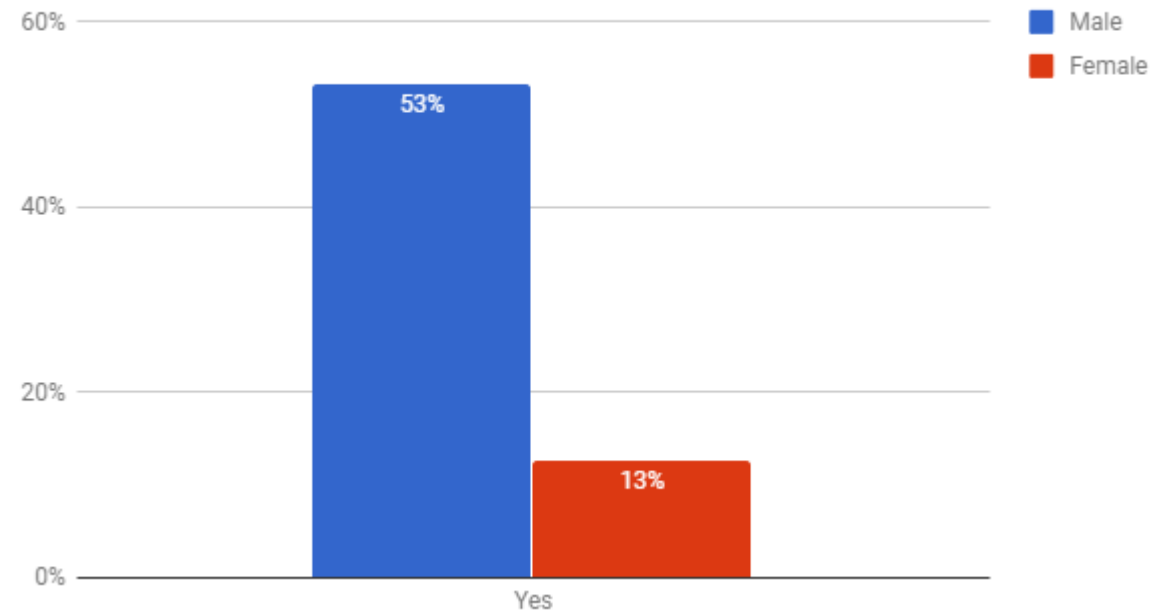


PLAYING OVER-18s GAMES

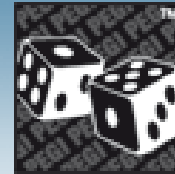
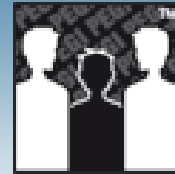
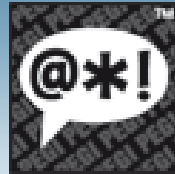
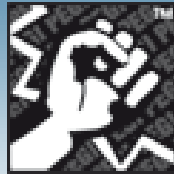
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GAMING



- **PEGI RATINGS** are used on movies and video games to indicate to parents whether they are age appropriate for their children
- There are different categories as above
- **PEGI 7** means suitable for age 7 or older. **PEGI 18** is for adults only

GAMING ONLINE

The image shows a Fortnite game interface. At the top, there is a chat window with the following messages:

- [X]TWAFFGamingx]: Pick
- [GregorPlaysROBLOX]: huh
- [Jessicabeautyloveh]: sorry cause im

At the top right, there is a player list:

Player Name	Points
tackyrobyn	0
Guest 1474	449
Guest 8217	189

The main part of the image is a promotional banner for Fortnite. The word "FORTNITE" is written in large, white, bold letters on a blue background. Below it, there are two buttons:

- SAVE THE WORLD** Co-op PvE
- BATTLE ROYALE** 100 Player PvP

Below the buttons, the text reads: "Cooperative PvE storm-fighting adventure!"

The right side of the banner features an illustration of four Fortnite characters standing on a wooden structure. One character is holding a rifle, another is holding a sword, and another is holding a pickaxe. In the foreground, several hands are reaching up towards the characters.

TOP TIPS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA & GAMING

Social Media Apps & Gaming

- Be aware of **age restrictions / PEGI ratings**
- Do your research and check out apps/games
- Discuss your concerns, agree rules, and check out the **privacy/safety settings** together
- Keep an eye on what they are doing and saying online and know who they are playing with / talking to
- Have regular conversations, including about how words/actions can affect others, and talk about what to do if they are worried or upset about anything
- Agree time limits and technology free time

CONCLUSIONS

- Do your research, figure out the risks and the safeguards and agree rules
- Frank and open communication is key
- Get stuck in – use these apps yourselves and play games with them
- Keep a close eye on everything they do
- Agree house rules including tech free time and model positive use of tech
- Focus on children engaging with technology in a positive way
- Above all... DON'T PANIC!

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