

# THE VIEW OF YOUNG PEOPLE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT, recently conducted a survey to seek the views of young people on online safety, to coincide with the Government's consultation on its Internet Safety Strategy



**75%** of young people think social media companies should automatically block offensive or abusive messages

Over 40% of young people don't think digital companies consider their safety when developing websites or apps

**OVER 60%**

of young people think social media companies should delete abusive messages before a complaint is made



Almost **70%** of young people think it would be helpful to know how much bullying happens on social media

But **50%** of young people don't think knowing this would stop or change their use of the social media platforms



50% of young people want schools to teach them more about how to be safe online

## TOP TRENDS



Young people are keen to receive more digital resilience education



As children get older, their desire to be shielded from abusive or offensive content on social media reduces



Young people don't think social media companies consider them, when developing apps



Young people want more information on how much antisocial content is on social media. But they will carry on using it regardless



Younger children particularly want social media platforms to remove offensive or abusive content or messages before a complaint is made