## 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



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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



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



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Young people want 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 before a complaint is



This survey was undertaken to coincide with the Government's consultation on its Internet Safety Strategy.

The survey was sent to teachers working in 1,700+ primary and secondary schools via the Computing at Schools network. They were asked to request their pupils to fill in the survey. The survey was open from 27 November 2017 – 1 January 2018, and received 6,505 responses.

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