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.

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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