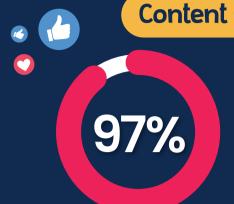
# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# The Ofcom Children and Parents:

**Report 2020/21** 



**Content Consumption** 

of children aged 5-15 watch content on video-sharing platforms (VSPs)

Most popular apps used by 12-15 year olds









### **Social Pressures**



felt the pressure to be popular online

### **Screen Time**

#### 4 out of 10 parents found it hard to control their child's

screen time

# **Online Safety**



Only 32% of parents use parental controls built into devices



Only **50%** use settings to stop app downloads or in-app purchases



Only 30% use controls to restrict access to inappropriate content



2 out of 3 sought online safety advice from schools

**Online Gaming:** Who Plays Games Online?









55% of 5-7s **80**% of 8-11s **86**% of 12-15s

# Posting/sharing content



of 5-7s shared content online



of 12-15s shared content online

#### **Parental Concerns**



concerned about pressure to make in-game purchases



concerned about content

# **Vulnerable Children**

Children aged 12-15 are more likely to ...



Have a negative experience



Be contacted online by a stranger



Feel pressure to send photos/personal information



Rely on video-calling platforms to socialise



used video software such as Zoom, HouseParty and Skype



#### 8-11s

40% watch other people's live streams

8% have shared live streams

Most popular platforms:







# **Live Streaming**



## 12-15s

**50%** watch other people's live streams

17% have shared live streams

Most popular platforms:







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