

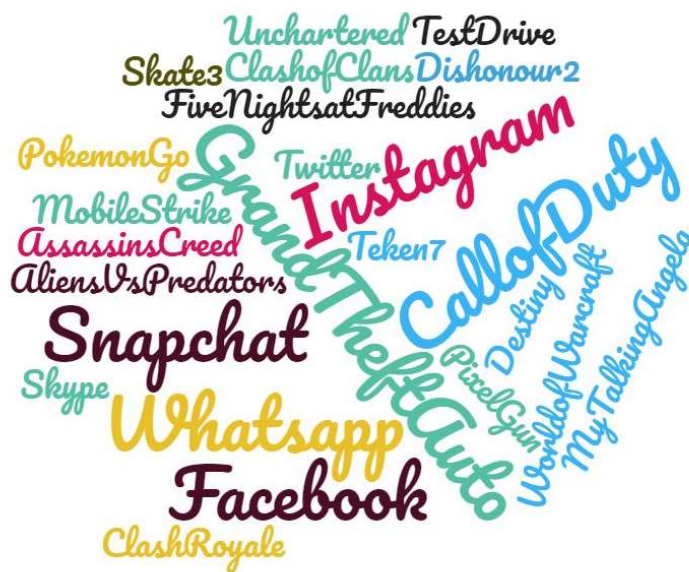


BENCHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Online Safety - October 2017



We surveyed the Y3 - Y6 children in our school about what they do online and these were the results...



These are some of the games and social media sites that our children have told us they use. They all have an age rating of 13 or over. Many are 18+.

You can find out the age rating of a game and why it has received that rating at:

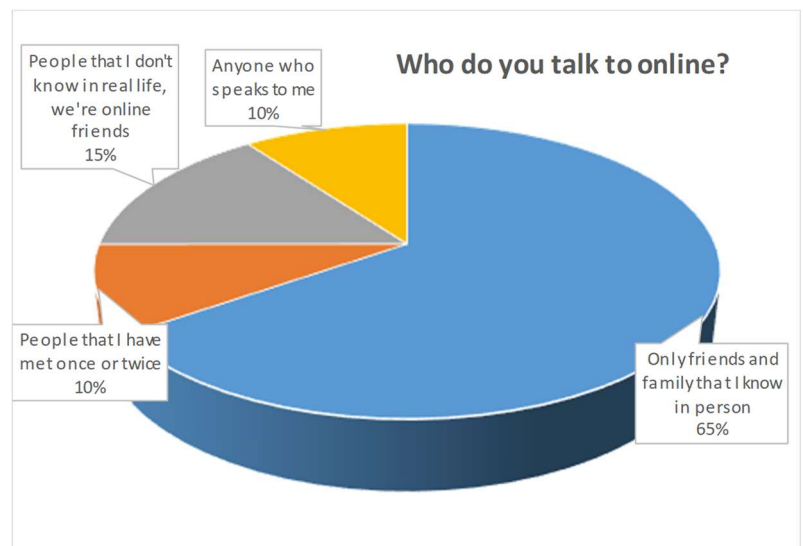
<http://www.pegi.info>

Information on the age ratings of social media sites are here:

www.net-aware.org.uk

73% of our children say they spend more than 3 hours on the internet every day

We asked, do your parents know what you do and who you talk to online? **29% of children said their parents don't always know what they are doing online.**



What can you do to help your child stay safe online?

The internet is a wonderful thing but without the right safeguards it can also be a very dangerous place for your child.

- Talk to your children about how to stay safe online and protect their personal details.
- Set rules - when they can use the internet and what websites they are allowed to access.
- Make sure they know that they can talk to you about anything they see online that worries them or if a stranger approaches them - even if it appears to be another child
- Install parental blocks on your home devices. You can usually do this on your router and if you aren't sure how to do it ring your service provider for help.
- Understand the age limits on different apps. For example, did you know that a child shouldn't be using SnapChat under the age of 13?
- Use child specific apps such as SnapKidz which protect children from strangers seeing them and contacting them.

Our website has lots of information. The online safety page is under curriculum. There you will find a summary of what we learned on our training day in September and links to some useful websites to help you keep your child safe online.

Visit: www.benchill.manchester.sch.uk

Don't forget we break up for half term on Friday at the normal time.

Children return to school on Monday 30th October at 8.45am