

Parents and carers, to raise awareness of online safety.

of children said they'd seen violence on social media.

of children had changed their behaviour due to fears about violence.

of surveyed 12 to 15 year-olds said they had seen something online that they found worrying or nasty in some way that they didn't like.

In 2021 online abuse crimes surged by .

Recorded crimes increased by three quarters in the 4 years leading up to 2020/2021 .

1 in 3 young people have seen something worrying or nasty online.

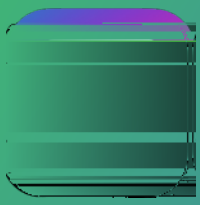
In 2020/21 there were over Childline counselling sessions about online bullying.

These were just the recorded crimes! The numbers don't include some of the harmful and distressing things young people are seeing online that go unreported.


Children are interacting directly via messaging/calling apps or sites, these were used by of 3-17-year-olds overall, and almost all children aged 12-17.

About children played video games. Shooter games were more likely to be played by boys. Parents of boys were more likely than parents of girls to have rules in place.





To have Instagram you must be 13 years old, however it can be easy for a younger child to sign up due to the verification process.



A person has to be 16+ to sign up for and use WhatsApp. A recent report found that WhatsApp was the most used app for children aged 3-17 for interacting directly via messaging/calling apps or sites.

WhatsApp has a 'Communities' feature which allows users to connect multiple groups together which can mean 1000s of people can be in the one group.

To prevent children being added to groups by people they don't know, change the

Facebook requires everyone to be 13 years old before they can create an account.

You can alter privacy settings to manage whether posts, photos etc. are private or visible to friends or the public.

It is becoming less popular with children and young people but a significant number are still using it.

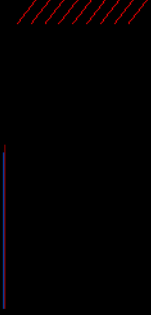
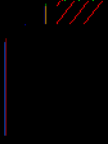
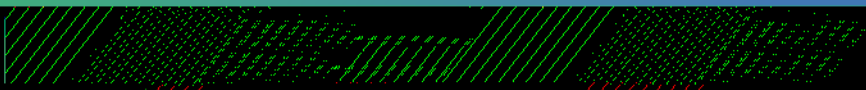
Concerns with Facebook include plans to allow encryption messages, meaning that only the sender and receiver can receive messages. This could put more children at risk of child abuse.

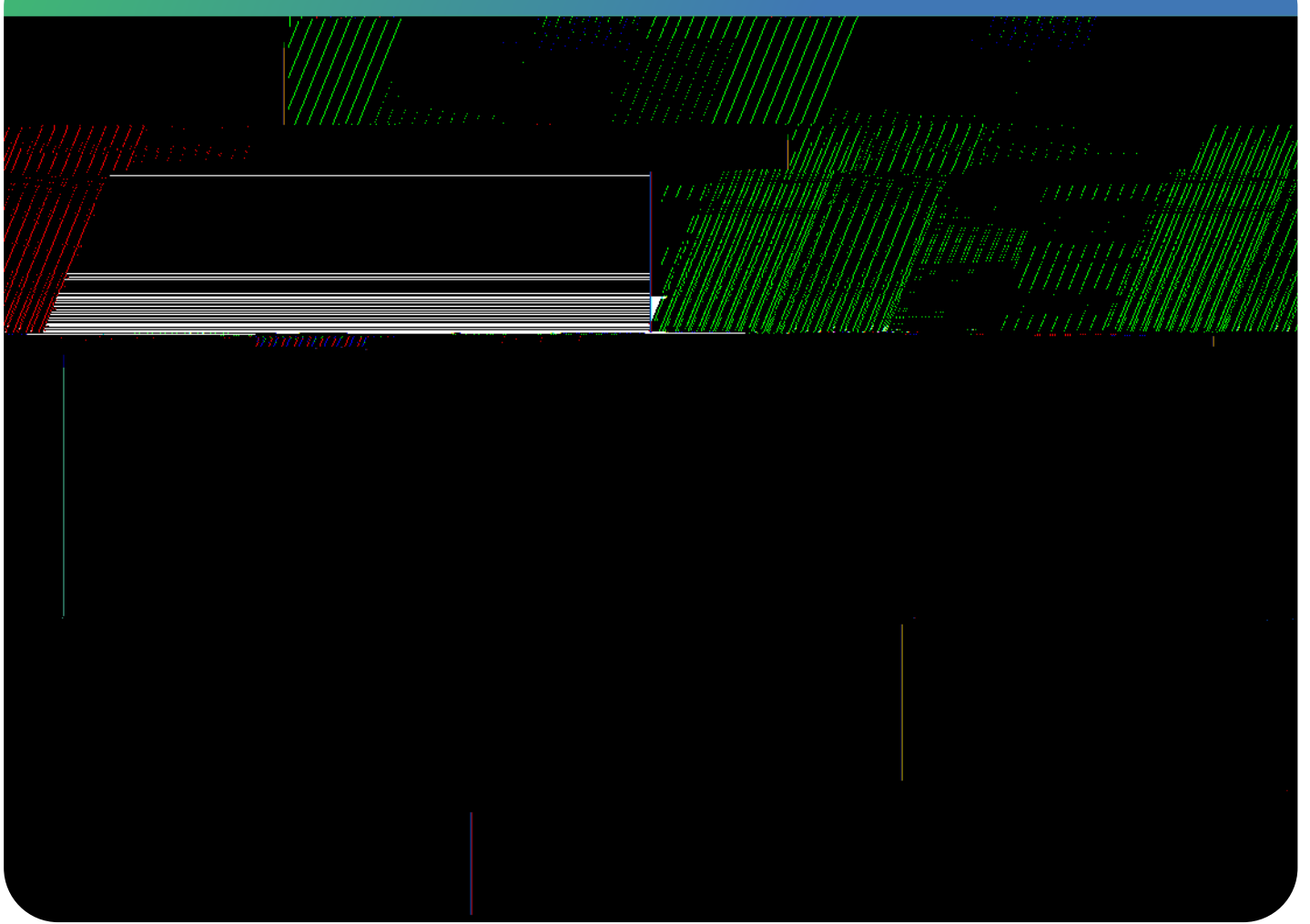
In addition to this there have been issues where death by suicide or terror attacks were live streamed on the app and the app has been accused of not removing the profiles of those expressing extremist views.

The age rating for Reddit is 13. Reddit has a parental guidance rating in the Google Play store of 17. It is one of the only apps for which the usage is higher in boys than girls.

The app has content suitable only for those older than 18, it is marked NSFW (not











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