



**What do you/your friends use online?**

**Why and how do young people go online?**

**What's good about social media/being online?**

**What problems do young people have online?**

**What worries you about the internet/online/social media?**

# Why and how?

People go online for fun and entertainment.

It's a good time waster.

Young people go online to connect with friends and mostly do it on a computer or phone.

To catch up on things you miss on TV or to watch different things to what's on TV.

To do research and homework

Young people go online to socialise and discover things.

Young people go online to socialise. They do this by using things like phones.

They go online using laptops, tablets or computers

# What?

We use many different social medias such as Snapchat and Facebook.

Online games;  
Clash of clans  
World of Warcraft  
League of legends

Use snapchat,  
Facebook,  
Instagram and  
google.  
Chatrooms

Facebook  
YouTube  
Xbox/PS  
Mobile games  
Netflix  
iPlayer  
E4

Facebook  
Twitter  
Instagram  
YouTube

We might also go on  
games online and  
play with their  
online friends

# Problems

People sometimes don't think about what they are posting or saying

On YouTube and Facebook anyone can write a comment on the comments section.

You don't know where your image will go, even if you send it to only 1 person you can't control who they send it to

Cyber bullying.  
Being bullied online.  
Harassment.

Some people comment negatively on how others look – everyone is unique and should be accepted.

Sometimes it's hard to know if images and information are real or not.

Random people talking to you online.

Crazy people

People don't understand the legal and personal impact things they do online can have

People who are 'friends' say nasty stuff and don't think about what it does to others

# Worries

Unsafe chatrooms

People can easily lie about their age.

You don't know who someone is behind a screen

People talking to me that I don't know.

Not really knowing who people are that you're talking to.

Conversations can be easily misunderstood

Sending things to the wrong person, can be easily done

Cyberbullies

Sharing personal information

Paedophiles

# Good things about the internet

You can socialise  
and chat

Funny videos

You can meet  
new people  
and mostly  
use it for  
entertainment

It's a cheap way  
to communicate  
with people,  
especially if they  
live away from  
you

You get to share  
and speak with  
your friends.

Or make new  
friends.

Staying with  
trends.

Keeping up to  
date.

You can stay  
involved with  
games and  
groups.

Quick way to  
research...info  
is accessible  
much more  
quickly

You can  
talk/connect  
to people you  
haven't seen  
or talked to in  
a while

# Things to think about...

Instead of saying not to use social media or banning us, advise us how to use it safely and set boundaries

Involve us in decisions around phone use in schools.

Teachers sometimes make you feel like you've done something wrong when you haven't

Assemblies are boring – they should include stats and films, use hard hitting and creative films

Adults sometimes wrongly assume young people are using the internet negatively, looking at things they shouldn't, posting inappropriately, making nasty comments.

Often schools won't deal with things that happen online if they happen outside school.

If it involves your students you need to help. It impacts on a young person going school even if its done outside school.