As a new academic year begins, Nominet’s Digital Futures research explores the technology challenges young people face, and their ideas on what needs to change.

**Tech Challenges**

- Have been negatively affected by social media: 37%
- Two thirds know people that have been cyber bullied: 65%
- Around a third have been cyber bullied: 30%
- Think social media drives Fake News: 74%
- Over three quarters think Fake News changes how people vote: 78%

**Ideas to make things better**

- Review school smartphone policies: 68%
- Lessons on social media safety: 68%
- Want a national policy on limiting smartphones in schools: 60%

**Teaching Time Lost**

Nominet’s Share with Care research revealed that secondary school teachers lose an average of 11 DAYS EVERY YEAR due to disruption caused by social media.

**About the Digital Futures Research**

Nominet commissioned PDS (Populus Data Solutions) to survey a sample of 2,080 UK adults including 505 aged 18-24 and 1,032 UK children aged 11-17 to encourage debate on what matters most as we shape our digital future in the UK. The research was conducted online between 30th January and 6th of February 2019 and addressed several key themes including the impact of technology, digital ability and willingness, digital & society, social media and inclusivity & the workplace.

**About Share with Care Research**

Nominet commissioned Opinium to survey 500 UK secondary school teachers (year 7 and above) between 9th and 16th August 2017.

**About Nominet**

Nominet is driven by a commitment to use technology to improve connectivity, security and inclusivity online. For over 20 years, Nominet has run the .UK internet infrastructure, developing an expertise in the Domain Name System that now underpins sophisticated threat monitoring, detection, prevention, and analytics that is used by governments and enterprises to mitigate cyber threats. A profit with a purpose company, Nominet supports initiatives that contribute to a vibrant digital future and has donated over £47 million to tech for good causes since 2008, benefitting more than 10 million people.

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