



Do we take cyber security for granted?

05th – 12th February 2021

Sample of 8,903 voters

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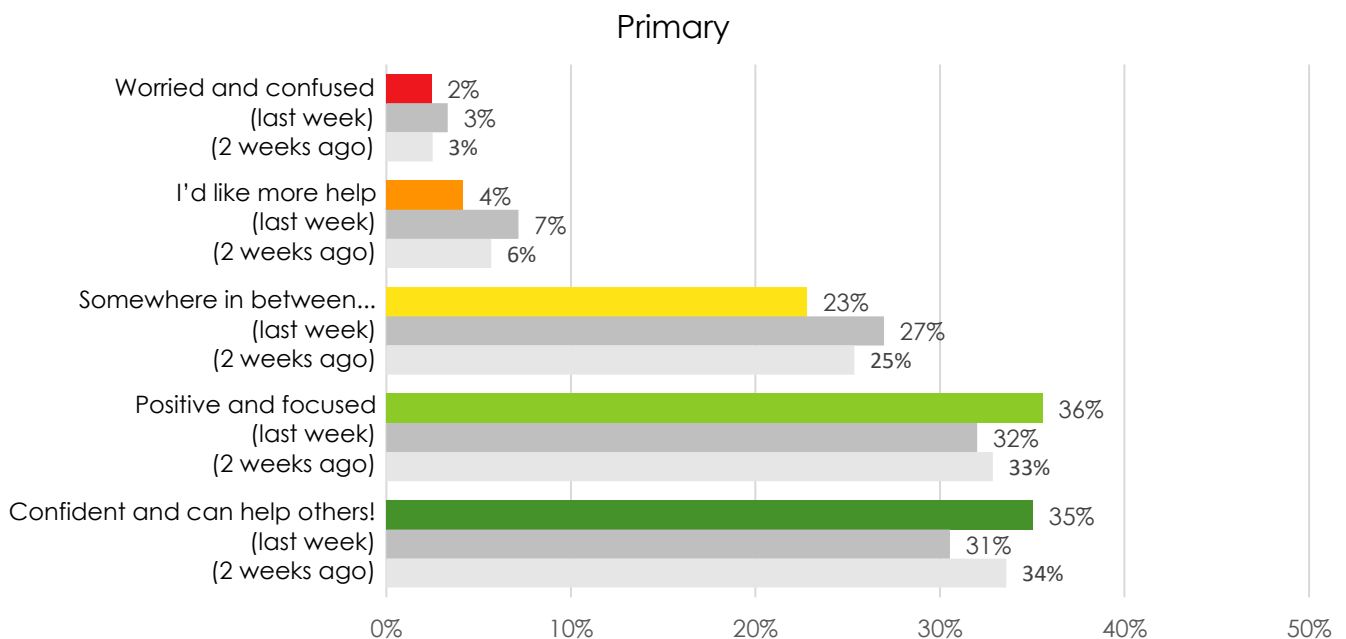
Please Note: The sample size featured reflects the number of pupils and students that cast their vote on this topic during the week in which this vote was held. This sample size does therefore not reflect the number of pupils and students who discussed this VoteTopic but did not get a chance to participate in the voting.

This VoteTopic was discussed by voters amid a national lockdown due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic.

Voters mainly engaged with our content from home. While usually our votes are logged by teachers, we set up links for our voters and parents to vote independently. The response was overwhelming as many took the opportunity to have their voice heard from home.

As part of their responses, we asked voters to share how they were feeling about learning from home with us. Please note that the above sample size does not apply to this data.

Here is an insight into what they said compared to the previous weeks:



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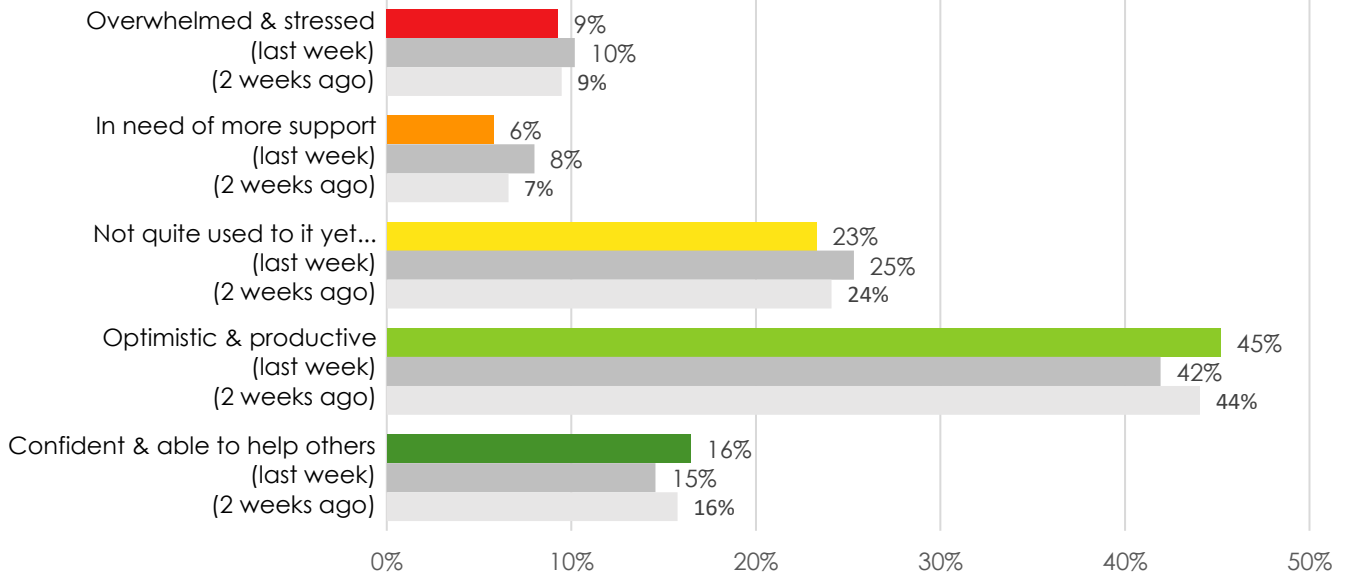
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Secondary



VoteTopic Overview:

Question Primary:

“Is cyber security important to you?”

Question Secondary:

“Do we take cyber security for granted?”

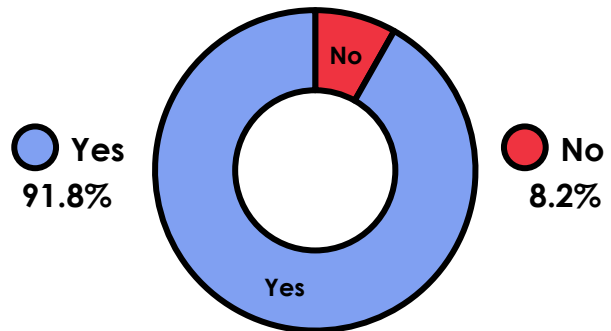
Question Secondary 16+ & College:

“Do we take cyber security for granted?”

Grand Total

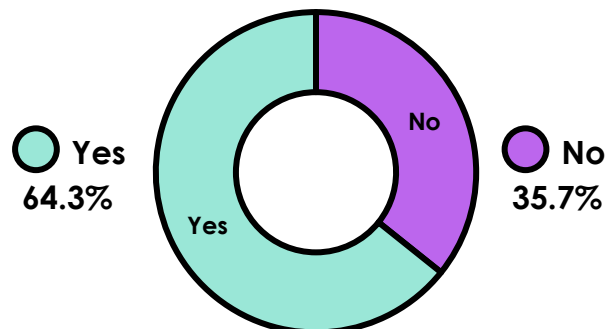
Primary:

| | |
|-----|--------|
| Yes | 91.80% |
| No | 8.20% |



Secondary:

| | |
|-----|--------|
| Yes | 64.26% |
| No | 35.74% |



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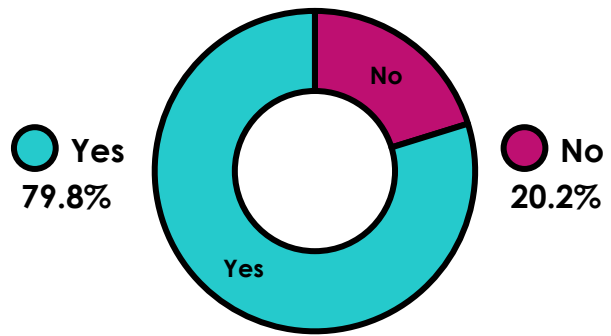


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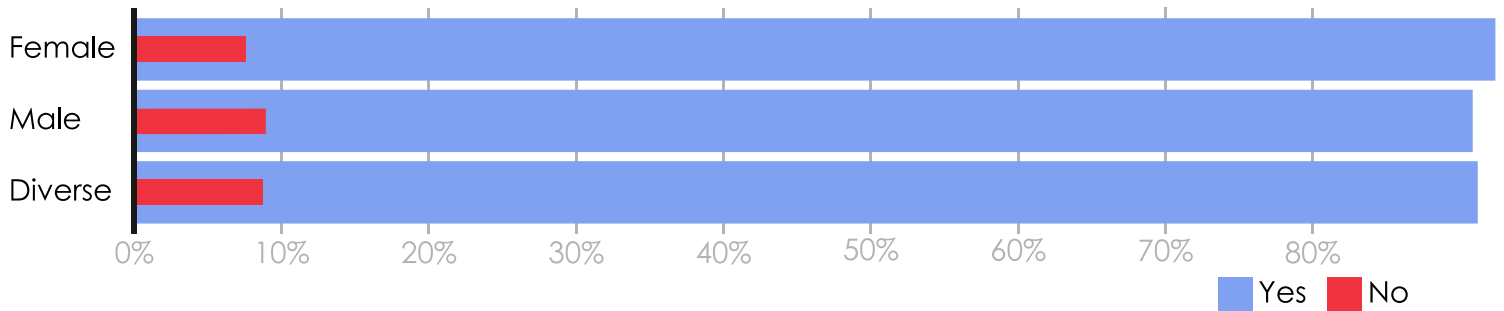
Secondary 16+ & College:

Yes 79.78%
No 20.22%

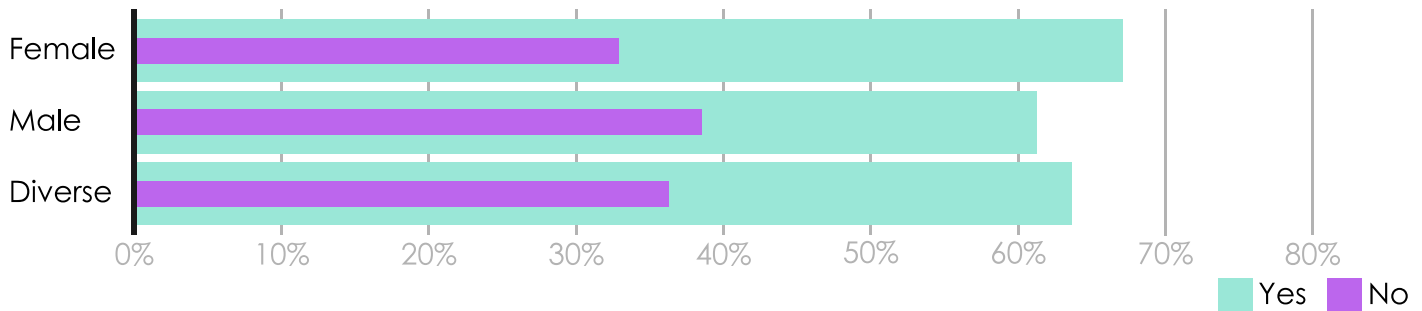


Gender

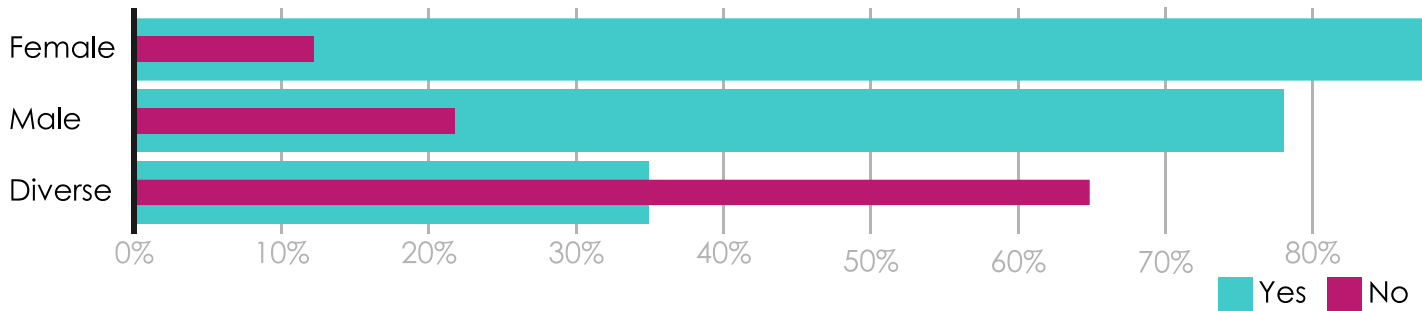
Primary: "Is cyber security important to you?"



Secondary: "Do we take cyber security for granted?"



Secondary 16+ & College: "Do we take cyber security for granted?"



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Primary: "Is cyber security important to you?"

| | Yes | No |
|----------|--------|-------|
| Female | 92.53% | 7.47% |
| Male | 91.02% | 8.98% |
| Diverse* | 91.28% | 8.72% |

Secondary: "Do we take cyber security for granted?"

| | Yes | No |
|----------|--------|--------|
| Female | 67.10% | 32.90% |
| Male | 61.42% | 38.58% |
| Diverse* | 63.66% | 36.34% |

16+ & College: "Do we take cyber security for granted?"

| | Yes | No |
|----------|--------|--------|
| Female | 87.80% | 12.20% |
| Male | 78.20% | 21.80% |
| Diverse* | 35.00% | 65.00% |

*Votes collected as "Diverse" include students that identify as gender diverse, as well as students that wish not to disclose or were not able to specify their gender.

In **Primary schools**, the votes were very similar among the different gender groups. Female pupils had a slightly bigger percentage of Yes votes, with **1.25% more females voting Yes compared to Diverse** students and **1.51% more females voting Yes compared to Male** students.

Amongst **Secondary students**, female voters also represented the biggest percentage of Yes votes, with **3.44% more female students voting Yes compared to Diverse** voters and **5.68% more females voting Yes compared to Male** students.



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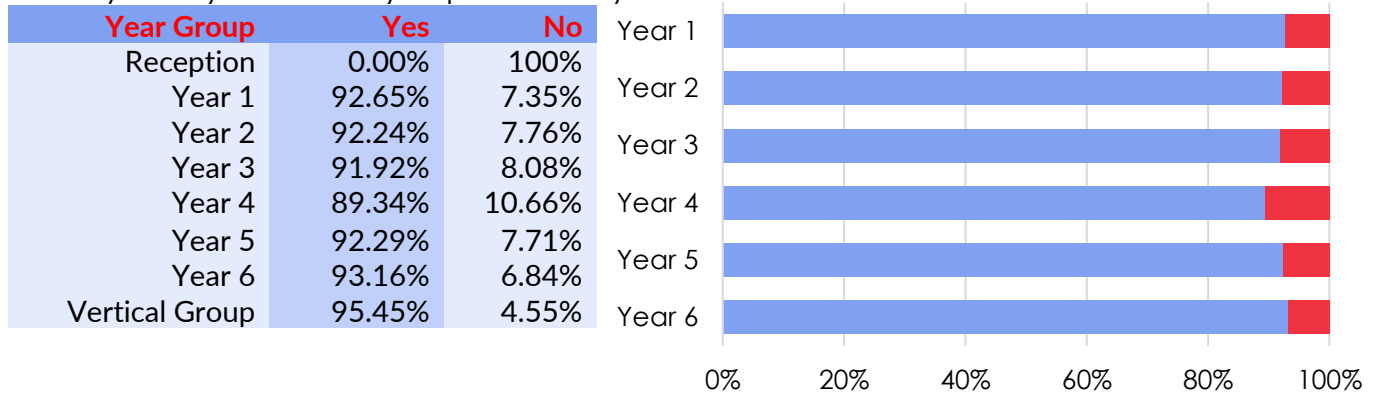


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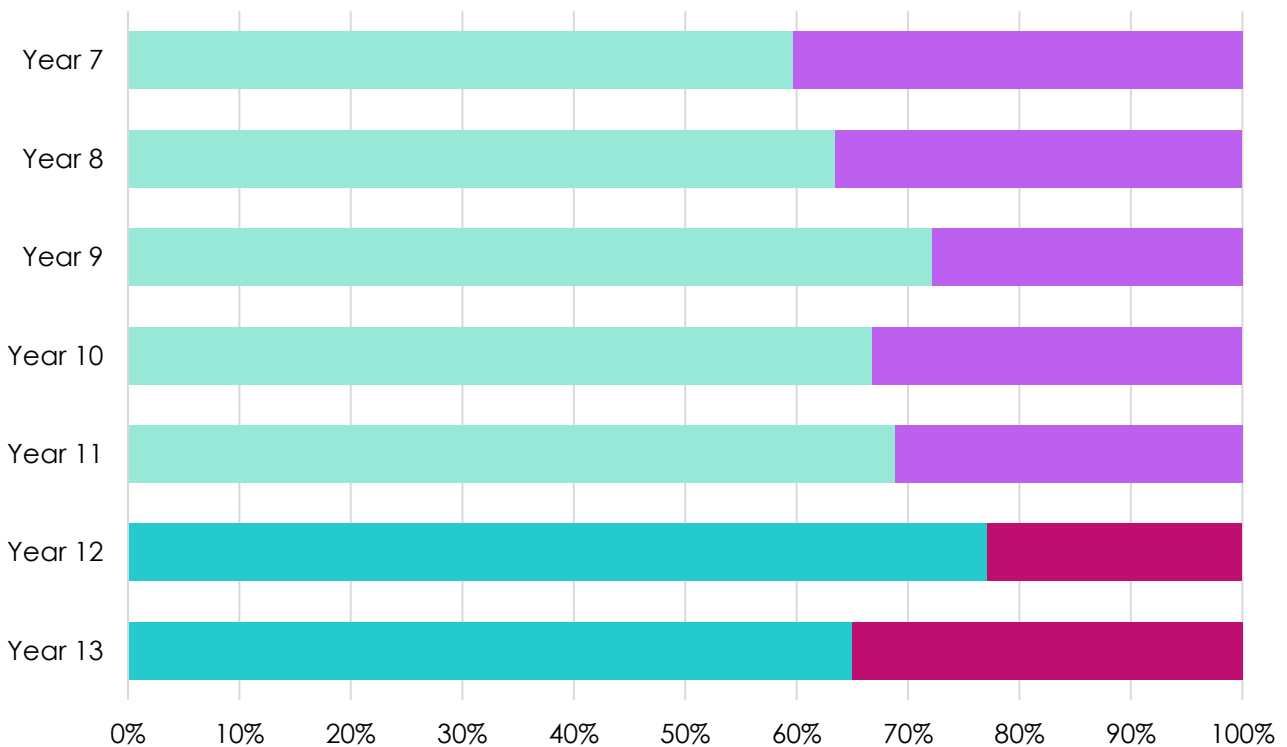
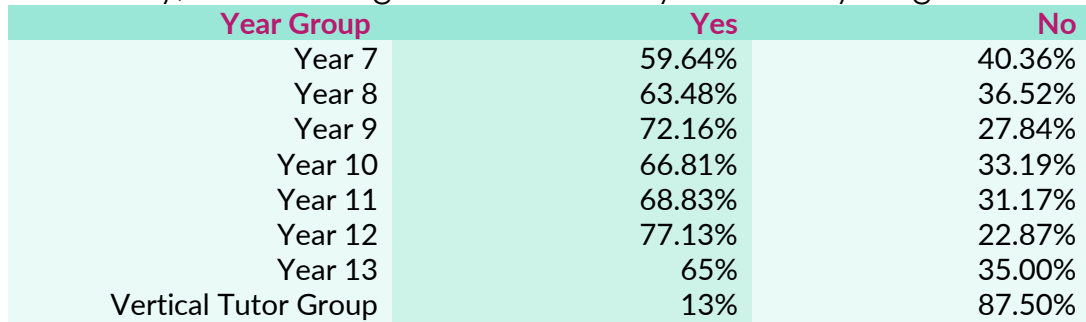


Age

Primary: "Is cyber security important to you?"



Secondary, 16+ & College: "Do we take cyber security for granted?"



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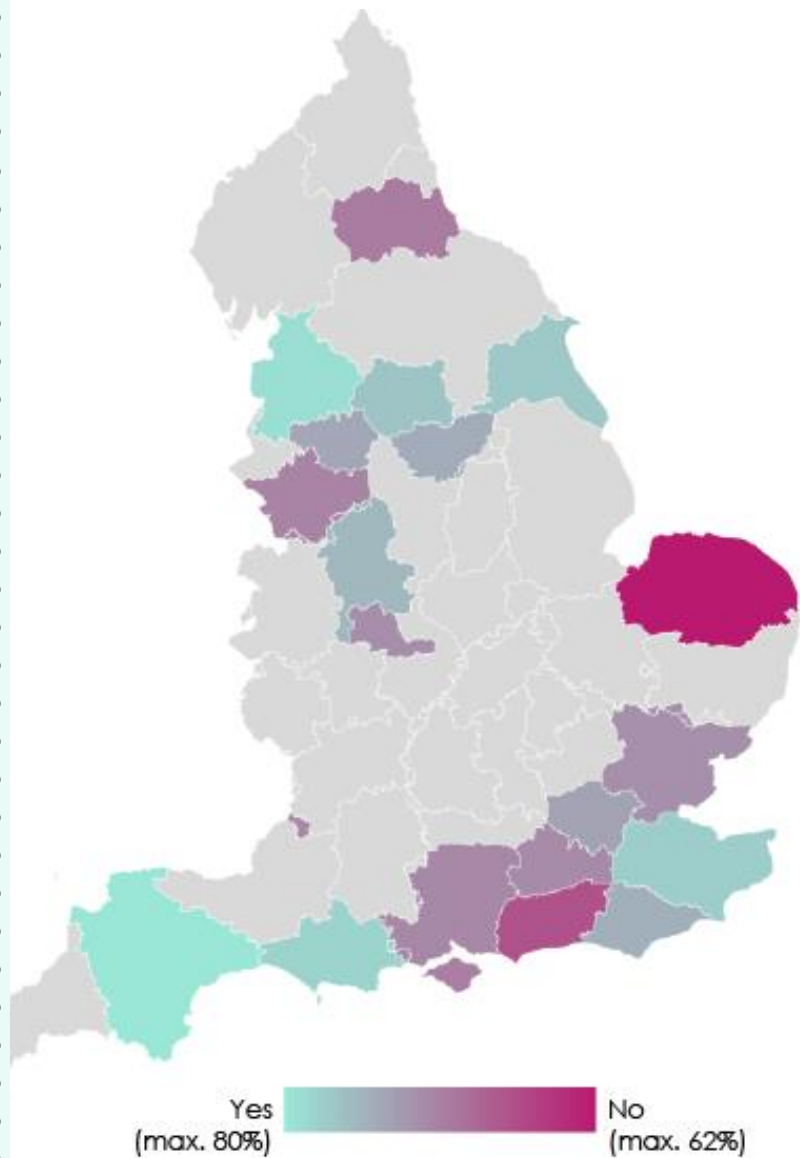
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Location

Secondary, 16+ & College: "Do we take cyber security for granted?"

| | Yes | No |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Cambridgeshire* | 100% | 0.00% |
| Neath Port Talbot* | 100% | 0.00% |
| Worcestershire* | 100% | 0.00% |
| Derbyshire* | 100% | 0.00% |
| Nottinghamshire* | 100% | 0.00% |
| Buckinghamshire* | 80.00% | 20.00% |
| Devon | 80.00% | 20.00% |
| Lancashire | 78.22% | 21.78% |
| Dorset | 75.86% | 24.14% |
| Kent | 75.00% | 25.00% |
| East Riding of Yorkshire | 73.91% | 26.09% |
| West Yorkshire | 72.85% | 27.15% |
| Staffordshire | 70.40% | 29.60% |
| East Sussex | 68.81% | 31.19% |
| South Yorkshire | 68.34% | 31.66% |
| Greater Manchester | 67.07% | 32.93% |
| Leicestershire* | 66.67% | 33.33% |
| London | 66.16% | 33.84% |
| Greater London | 65.85% | 34.15% |
| Essex | 62.37% | 37.63% |
| West Midlands | 62.25% | 37.75% |
| North Yorkshire | 61.90% | 38.10% |
| Surrey | 61.37% | 38.63% |
| Hampshire | 60.83% | 39.17% |
| Bristol | 60.47% | 39.53% |
| Cheshire | 60.00% | 40.00% |
| Isle of Wight | 58.97% | 41.03% |
| Durham | 58.33% | 41.67% |
| Newport* | 50.00% | 50.00% |
| West Sussex | 50.00% | 50.00% |
| Norfolk | 38.30% | 61.70% |
| Berkshire* | 12.50% | 87.50% |
| Bedfordshire* | 0.00% | 100% |
| Cumbria* | 0.00% | 100% |
| Gloucestershire* | 0.00% | 100% |
| Merseyside* | 0.00% | 100% |
| Wiltshire* | 0.00% | 100% |
| Ynys Mon (Anglesey)* | 0.00% | 100% |



*Regions with fewer than 10 votes are not displayed on this and the following map. These regions are marked with a * in the tables.



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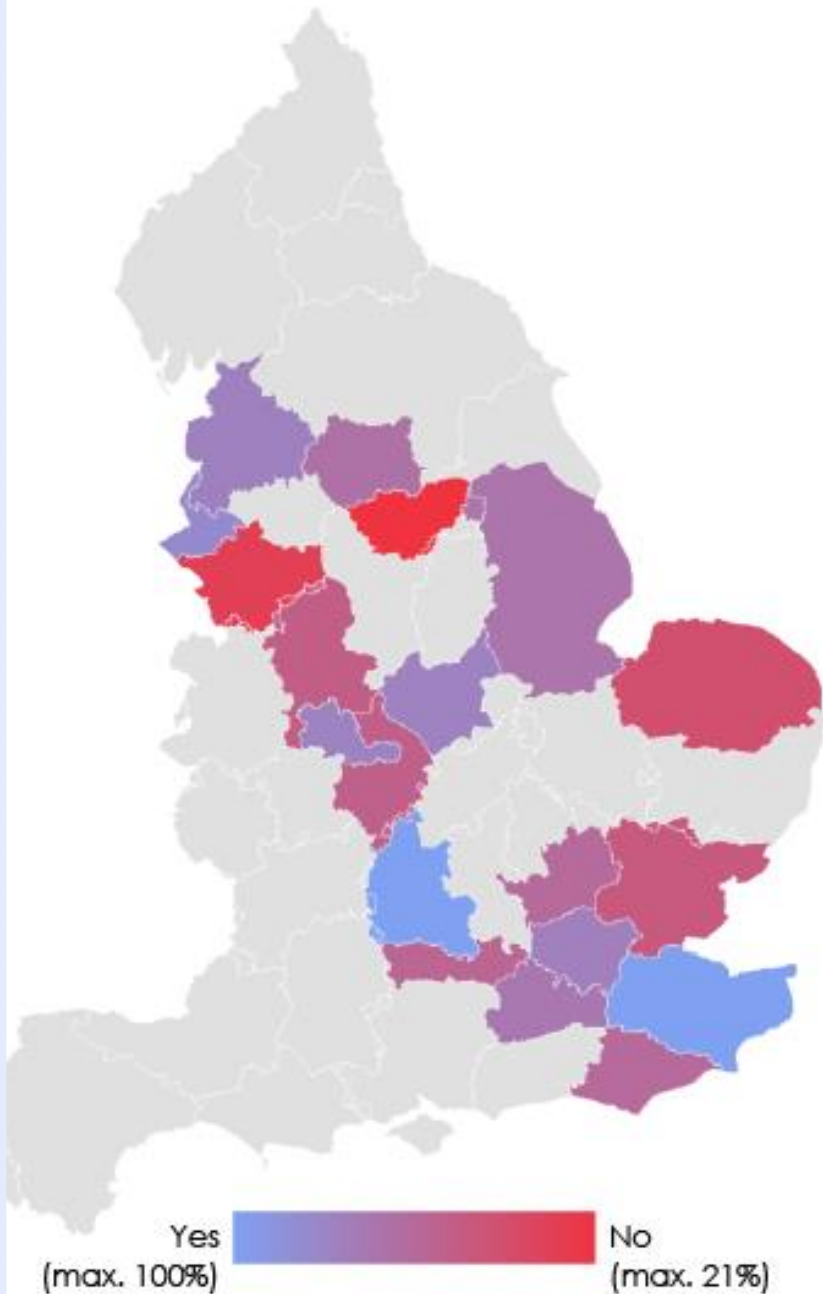


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Primary: "Is cyber security important to you?"

| | Yes | No |
|----------------------|--------|--------|
| Caerphilly* | 100% | 0.00% |
| Conwy* | 100% | 0.00% |
| Cornwall* | 100% | 0.00% |
| Durham* | 100% | 0.00% |
| Greater Manchester* | 100% | 0.00% |
| Guernsey* | 100% | 0.00% |
| North Yorkshire* | 100% | 0.00% |
| Scilly Isles* | 100% | 0.00% |
| Suffolk* | 100% | 0.00% |
| Wiltshire* | 100% | 0.00% |
| Worcestershire* | 100% | 0.00% |
| Ynys Mon (Anglesey)* | 100% | 0.00% |
| Pembrokeshire* | 100% | 0.00% |
| Bristol* | 100% | 0.00% |
| Cumbria* | 100% | 0.00% |
| Herefordshire* | 100% | 0.00% |
| Cambridgeshire* | 100% | 0.00% |
| Oxfordshire | 100% | 0.00% |
| Kent | 100% | 0.00% |
| Merseyside | 95.73% | 4.27% |
| West Midlands | 94.41% | 5.59% |
| Leicestershire | 94.25% | 5.75% |
| Greater London | 94.17% | 5.83% |
| Lancashire | 94.12% | 5.88% |
| London | 93.83% | 6.17% |
| Surrey | 92.41% | 7.59% |
| Lincolnshire | 91.79% | 8.21% |
| West Yorkshire | 91.30% | 8.70% |
| East Sussex | 90.00% | 10.00% |
| Hertfordshire | 90.00% | 10.00% |
| Berkshire | 88.92% | 11.08% |
| Nottinghamshire* | 88.89% | 11.11% |
| Warwickshire | 88.00% | 12.00% |
| Staffordshire | 87.50% | 12.50% |
| Essex | 86.60% | 13.40% |
| Norfolk | 84.85% | 15.15% |
| Cheshire | 81.82% | 18.18% |
| Bedfordshire* | 80.00% | 20.00% |
| South Yorkshire | 79.31% | 20.69% |
| Buckinghamshire* | 77.78% | 22.22% |
| Bridgend* | 50.00% | 50.00% |
| Cardiff* | 50.00% | 50.00% |
| West Sussex* | 50.00% | 50.00% |
| Derbyshire* | 0.00% | 100% |
| Dorset* | 0.00% | 100% |
| Flintshire* | 0.00% | 100% |



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Students' Comments: "Is cyber security important to you?"

"We don't want the bad guys **getting into our information.**"

Primary School, South Yorkshire

"It is important because it **helps us protect our devices** and this year, we are **using our devices a lot because of lockdown** so we have to try and keep them safe and it helps us **protect our identity** and our vital information to us the web."

Primary School, London

"Because Cyber Security is important, I have **locks on all my devices** to make sure I don't get bullied and I **don't post any pictures** of me online."

Primary School, London

"Cyber security is so important because **criminals are always looking for new ways** to infiltrate security and steal from and influence young people in a bad way. So, we have to **keep many steps ahead of them** to protect ourselves and our families."

Primary School, Surrey

"Cyber security made me realise just **how much stuff can be stolen online!** I will be much more careful from now on."

Primary School, Leicestershire

"I think your parents can just put **parental guidance** on your device."

Primary School, Greater London

"I don't think cyber security is important to me because when you get a phone or an Xbox at the age 9, 10 and 11 **our mums or dads will tell us what we can do** and what we can't anyway."

Primary School, Essex

"I **don't use the internet** enough. It might be important when I am older."

Primary School, Leicestershire



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Students' Comments: "Do we take cyber security for granted?"

"We have weak passwords, we fall for internet scams, and we could have anti-virus protectors, but we don't. There are **a lot of things we could do to help us, but we don't** because we take Cyber Security for granted."

Secondary School, London

"We normally do not realize it, but we do take cybersecurity for granted without pausing to reflect on its implications. We use the internet but most of us **do not care what happens if we go on websites** entering **personal details**, or we play online games, and **enter real names, and not nicknames**. Nobody seems to care, and when I shared my name with my friends so that we could play together, they **laughed at it**, because it wasn't my real name. I don't understand what is so funny, and I **wish more people would understand that it is important** to do what some of us do online, and not ignore security and safety issues."

Secondary School, West Midlands

"We assume that everything we do isn't being tracked; we **openly share data** across social media platforms. The **general public's knowledge of their own cyber security is low**, and the companies are capitalizing on it."

Secondary School 16+, Essex

"Yes, we do, I mean **does anyone actually read the pages and pages of terms and conditions?**"

Secondary School, West Midlands

"I **don't share my password** and I am conscious about my **digital footprint** when learning or searching online."

Secondary School, West Midlands

"We tend to have a **lot of education** on cyber security so I think **we can understand fully** about all the different skills needed."

Secondary School, West Midlands

"The vast majority of the younger generation are **technologically aware** and **know how to keep themselves safe.**"

Secondary School 16+, Greater Manchester

"We get warnings about joining unsafe Wi-Fi and when websites appear dodgy. These **warnings keep cyber security in our minds.**"

Secondary School, West Yorkshire



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