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LATEST RESEARCH FROM TEEN TIPS REVEALS PARENTS CONCERN AROUND THE SAFETY OF THEIR CHILDREN ONLINE

As the Government introduces the new Online Safety Bill, new figures from Teen Tips reveal the scale of concern from parents about the safety of their children online.

- Over a third of parents of children aged 8-18 say they see the safety of their children online as a 'severe problem'.
- The vast majority of parents (over 90%) don't think there's currently enough accountability by tech firms responsible for their social media and gaming platforms.
- The top issues of concern for parents when it comes to safety online are children accessing inappropriate material (90%).
- Specific concerns include children accessing pornography (78%) with over a third (39%) concerned about extreme pornography, sexting of indecent images (74%), advocacy of self-harm (73%), and cyberbullying and trolling (73%).
- Teen Tips is a leading independent mental health and wellbeing organisation providing evidence-based, preventative mental health and wellbeing support through their Wellbeing Hub for Schools. Teen Tips regularly conducts 'Pulse' surveys with their parents and staff engaged with The Wellbeing Hub.

Responding to these latest stats and the new Online Safety Bill, Alicia Drummond, founder of Teen Tips and The Wellbeing Hub, says:

"The scale of these stats from parents reveals a real concern. For too long our children have been trying to navigate the online world with little in place to protect them or their rights. This legislation is timely, needed and will, I hope, allow young people to enjoy the positives of the online world whilst encouraging the big social media companies to act responsibly."

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