

# Balancing digital participation and protection



# UNCRC and the 3Ps



**Protection** from any kind of discrimination (Article 2), all forms of abuse and neglect (Art. 19), including sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (Art. 34) and other forms of exploitation prejudicial to the child's welfare (Art. 36), from 'information and material injurious to the child's well-being' (Art. 17e), 'arbitrary or unlawful interference with his or her privacy, family or correspondence [and] unlawful attacks on his or her honour and reputation' (Art. 16)



**Provision** to support children's rights to life and development (Art.6), to preserve his or her identity (Art. 8), to an education to support the development of their full potential (Art. 28), prepare them 'for responsible life in a free society' (Art. 29), to recreation and leisure appropriate to their age (Art. 31), to diverse material of social and cultural benefit to the child (including minorities) to promote children's well-being (Art. 17) and all appropriate measures for recovery from neglect, exploitation or abuse (Art.39)



**Participation:** 'In all actions concerning children... the best interests of the child shall be a primary consideration' (Art. 3), including the right of children to be consulted in all matters affecting them (Art. 12), to freedom of expression (Art. 13) , freedom of thought (Art.14), of association and assembly (Art. 15), to information (Art.17) and to participate fully in cultural life (Art.31)



# Protection – rising anxieties

## Facebook's rule change may help paedophiles to target 13-year-olds

By Daniel Martin  
Special Correspondent

PAEDOPHILES could find it easier to prey on teenagers online after Facebook changed its rules to allow under-18s to share pictures with anyone on the internet. Until now, all Facebook users aged between 13 and 17 have been barred from making their posts visible to all users. They have been restricted to those they had already decided to share with on the social networking site but were allowed to share posts only with friends of friends. But, following what it claims are demands from teenagers themselves, that protection has been removed and Facebook will allow children to share their snaps and photos with the entire public. The move has been condemned by anti-violence campaigners who warn that explicit and pornographic images could fall into the wrong hands.

Chairman of the NSPCC, said the charity was pleased that Facebook has made friends only the default setting for 13- to 17-year-olds, but also attacked the decision to allow them to share posts publicly. "It's simply not acceptable for Facebook to expect children to take 100 per cent responsibility for managing not just their settings but their levels of risk too, teenagers aren't always going to be careful about what they post," she said. "Earlier this week, the Mail revealed that tens of thousands of revealing pictures shared by teenagers are stolen and end up on websites viewed by paedophiles. A search of only 40 hours by analysts at the Internet Watch Foundation, which takes down child abuse,

their mobiles or on sites such as Facebook, Instagram or Snapchat. Home Minister Glynis Davies of Justice for Facebook in the UK, said: "One of the requests we are being given by teenagers most often is the ability to share things in a public way, just as they can on other services. There are among the youngest people using social media, and they want to be there." He said the changes were designed to increase the experience for teenagers who can use what they say and do on Facebook, he said. "As a protective measure, Facebook will warn users opting to be more open that they are exposing themselves to a wider audience. This will repeat before every post, while the settings remain on 'public'."

Kathryn Montgomery, professor of communication at the American University in Washington, criticised what she described as a

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## Russian held over 'blue whale' web game that pushes teens to suicide

Will Stewart in Moscow

A 22-year-old financial analyst is under investigation for unauthorised access to sensitive "game" encourage vulnerable teenagers to commit



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## Don't give teenagers privacy online, coroner tells parents

GLEN MITCHELL

2014. She is the only teacher exchanged disturbing messages on Facebook. Among the messages read

Paul Morgan Bentley, Head of Investigations, Britain of C... Head has spent almost £700,000 protecting the welfare of the hate preacher Abu Qatada since he was deported to Jordan in 2013. The Times can reveal Under terms agreed by Theresa May when she was home secretary, the government has paid for the cleric to have appointments with human rights workers and doctors for three years. The payments were agreed despite Mrs May telling parliament in 2013 that "significant costs" to the taxpayer relating to the Abu Qatada case were "not acceptable to the public and not acceptable to me". The "welfare visits" were to ensure that he was not tortured after he was

First walk-in for FGM surgery opens at east London hospital

Rachael Burford THE first walk-in clinic in London for survivors of female genital mutilation has opened today in east London. The service, in Wharfedale in Leytonstone, provides an in-clinic gynaecological and anaesthetic FGM-related sample-taker and an interpreter, as well as a logical support to women in the said

Doctors tell parents to cut children's screen time

Concern over social media link to depression

Chris Smyth Health Editor Doctors have issued the first guidance advising parents to limit their children's access to technology

mental health than had been seen with other screen time, such as watching television. "I suspect social media is a case apart from other screen time"

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 METRO 29

## Beaten up by Facebook bully

### Boy, 14, sent attack video in hospital

by NICOLE LE MARIE

A TEENAGER beaten up by a bully outside his school gates was sent video of the attack as he lay in hospital. Aki Johnson-Richards was filmed being punched and kicked on the ground as a crowd shouted 'kill him' after he was assaulted while leaving Nottingham Emmanuel School. Pictures: METRO



Chilling email: Footage shows Aki Johnson-Richards (right) wrestled to the ground and beaten outside Nottingham Emmanuel School. PICTURES: METRO

## U-turn over 'Twitter tax' to beat bullying

### Levy to tackle social media trolls will just be voluntary

Kate Proctor  
Political Reporter

THE Government was today accused of "watering down" a manifesto commitment to force internet companies like Google and Facebook to pay for measures to combat online bullying.

A voluntary levy on social media firms and other leading web players has instead been proposed as part of an internet safety Green Paper.

Culture Secretary Karen Bradley said a voluntary code of conduct would be a "better solution" than trying to push a so-called "Twitter tax" through Parliament.

But she insisted she would not rule out legislation if it was needed long-term. "It's not backing away at all," she told BBC radio.

"We are consulting on what is the best way to do this. And if the best way to do this is to legislate, then of course we will legislate."

"But if we can do it without legislating which is quicker, more effective, gets a better result for everybody,

then let's not put ideology in front of actually delivering," she said.

The Conservatives promised in their election manifesto to put an industry-wide levy on social media companies into law to pay for preventative work on the dangers of the internet.

A similar levy already exists within the gambling industry to pay for research and treatment of gambling addicts.

Tom Watson, Labour deputy leader and Shadow Culture Secretary, said Ms Bradley had watered down her strategy before it had even been published.

He added: "The Tories made a clear and unambiguous promise in their manifesto to bring forward legislation to compel social media providers and other internet firms to pay a levy - but it's now been watered down to a voluntary levy."

"Karen Bradley should keep her promise and make sure the teenagers do the right thing. They have had nearly a decade to deal with these issues and failed. I find it hard

to believe a voluntary code will change much."

The Conservatives have come under fire for abandoning many of their manifesto commitments after a devastating election result in June which saw them lose their Commons majority. Grammar schools and social care reforms were abandoned shortly after the election.

Another manifesto commitment to cap energy bills has come under the

## Generation Xbox

**Health** Half of Britain's seven-year-olds do not do enough exercise, according to new research. The study, by University College

# The ladder of online participation

**Table 1 Bulgarian children's online participation**

Online activities practised at least weekly	Age group (N=1000)			
	9-11	12-14	15-17	ALL
Involved in campaign or protest	2	4	6	4
Discussed politics with others	3	4	12	6
Created blog, story or website	5	8	10	2
Looked for health information	5	9	21	11
Searched for resources about their neighbourhood	7	14	19	13
Created video or music	9	15	20	14
Talked to people who are different	9	21	35	21
Looked for news online	10	27	51	28
Used website for interests or hobbies	10	31	47	29
Looked for work or study opportunities	14	32	45	29
Used the internet for schoolwork	40	56	58	50
Talked to distant family or friends	41	58	60	52
Posted photos or comments online	33	64	73	55
Learned by searching online	50	74	86	68
Played online games	78	76	65	73
Used social networking sites	49	82	94	73
Listened to music	59	83	87	75
Watched video clips	83	91	96	89



# Dilemmas



# What upsets children online?

When strangers message me on the internet, sex sites that open without me clicking on them. (boy, 10, Austria)

Violence against women and children and perverted humiliations and cruelty. (girl, 14, Germany)

To take a photo of me without my knowledge and upload it to an inappropriate website. (girl, 10, Bulgaria)

Showing images of physical violence, torture and suicide images. (girl, 12, Slovenia)

See people having sex or naked people. (boy, 10, Portugal)

Facebook shows scary things even if you click on something that does not look or sound scary. (girl, 9, UK)

Animal cruelty, adults hitting kids. (girl, 9, Denmark)

Propositions to meet from people whom I do not know. (boy, 12, Poland)

Scary things - I saw something at my friend's house and I can't get it out of my head. (boy, 11, Ireland)

A mate showed me once a video about an execution. It was not fun, but insane. I get scared. (boy, 15, Sweden)

Those things that show other people's suffering or torment as a funny thing. (boy, 14, Hungary)

I was shocked seeing a starving African child who was going to die and a condor waiting to eat him. (girl, 13, Turkey)

# How big is the problem?

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Social media is harming the mental health of teenagers. The state has to act

*June Eric Udorie*



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The pressure to be perfect and always 'on' is overwhelming many of us, as studies show, but the government will not step in. Statutory PSHE lessons would be a start



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## Children's social media use has 'trivial' effect on happiness - study

Oxford researchers say parents should talk to their children about their experiences



▲ Only girls reduced their use of social media as a result of feeling discontented, the study noted. Photograph: Chris Radburn/PA

Time spent on social media has only a "trivial" impact on life satisfaction among adolescents, say researchers.

The team behind a new study say time spent on social media has only a small negative effect on how happy boys and girls feel about life, and that only girls



# Learning or distraction?



France to ban mobile phones in primary ...  
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Ontario Government To Ban All ...  
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Greece to Ban Cellphones in Schools ...  
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BYOD, Mobile learning at Torbay School ...  
[youtube.com](http://youtube.com)



Education Technology Empowers Students ...  
[sociable.co](http://sociable.co)



Mobile learning for schools - a class ...  
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# Vulnerability and support

## KEY POINTS

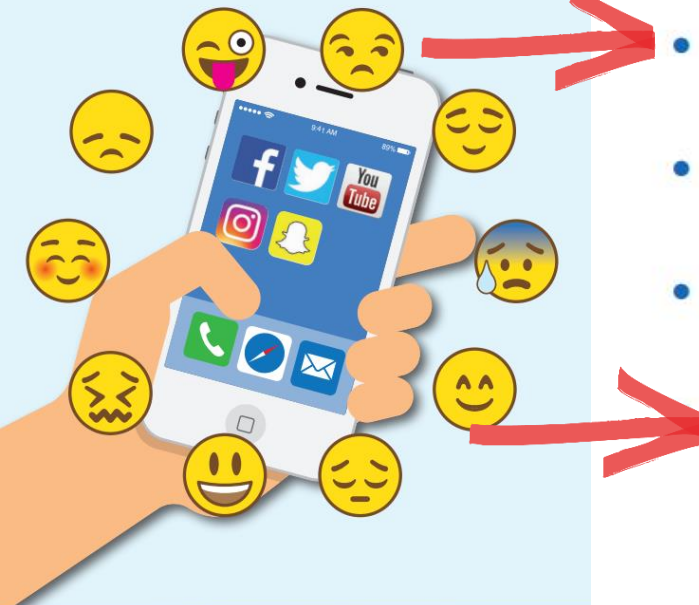
- 91% of 16-24 year olds use the internet for social networking
- Social media has been described as more addictive than cigarettes and alcohol
- Rates of anxiety and depression in young people have risen 70% in the past 25 years
- Social media use is linked with increased rates of anxiety, depression and poor sleep
- Cyber bullying is a growing problem with 7 in 10 young people saying they have experienced it
- Social media can improve young people's access to other people's experiences of health and expert health information
- Those who use social media report being more emotionally supported through their contacts

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Social media and young people's mental health and wellbeing



# Risky opportunities and resilience



In Thirties Britain, playing on an overcrowded swing without the supervision of adults was considered a normal part of childhood

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# The role of parents



# Privacy – the new frontier





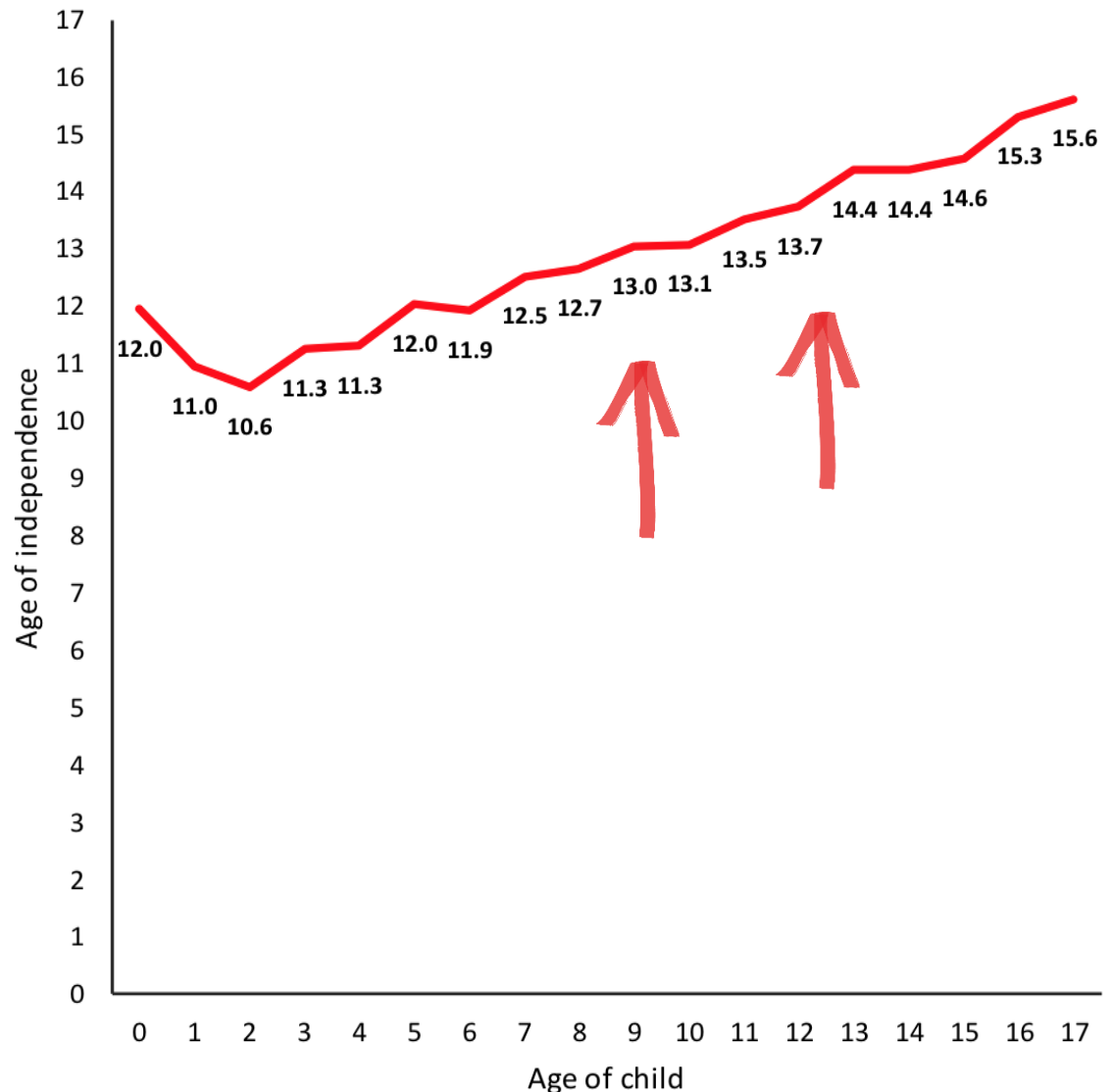
# Evolving capacity

“At what age do you think your child will be or was old enough to make their own decisions about the websites or apps they use?”

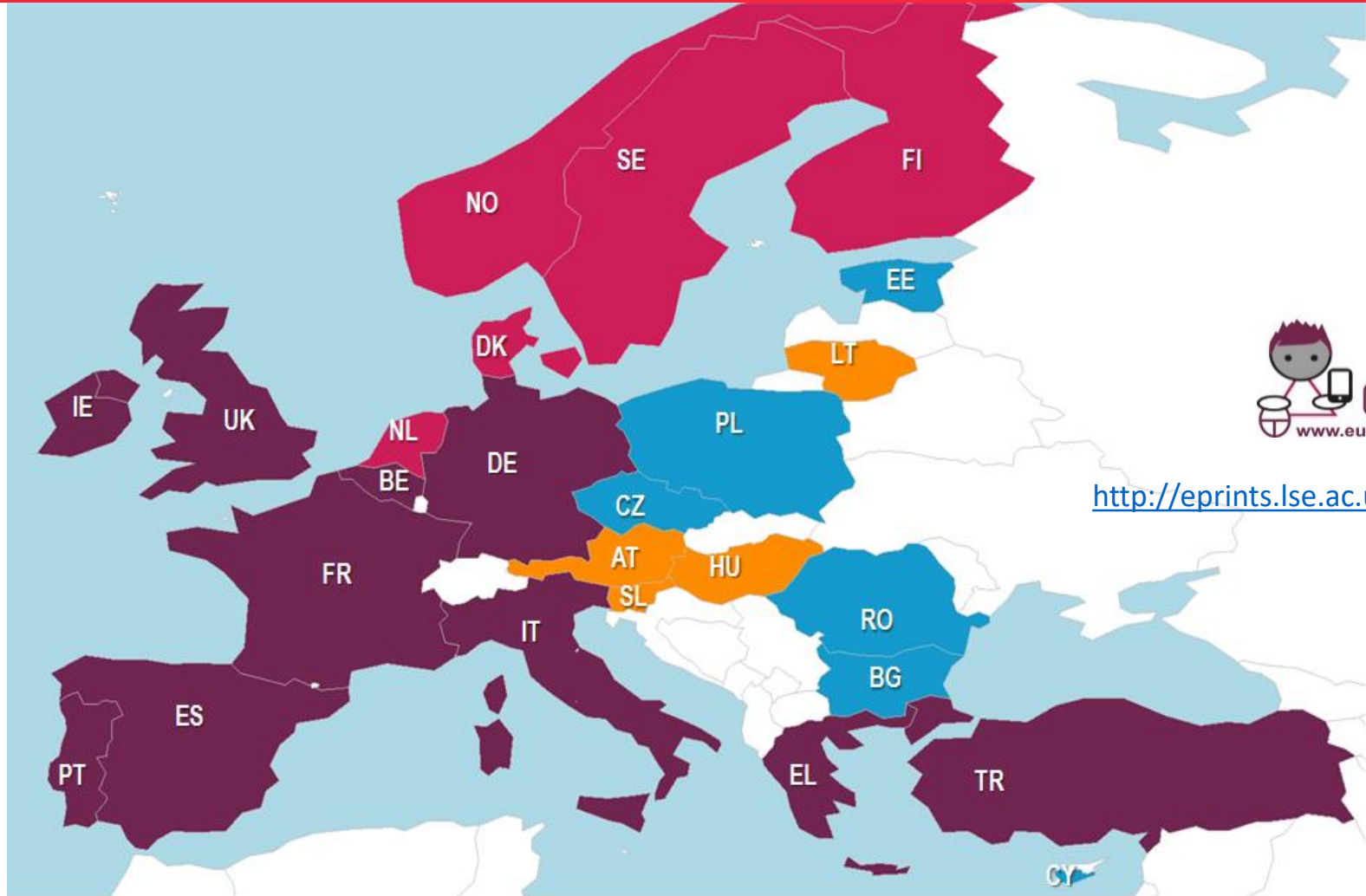


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2000+ UK parents of 0-17 year olds



# Countries balance in different ways

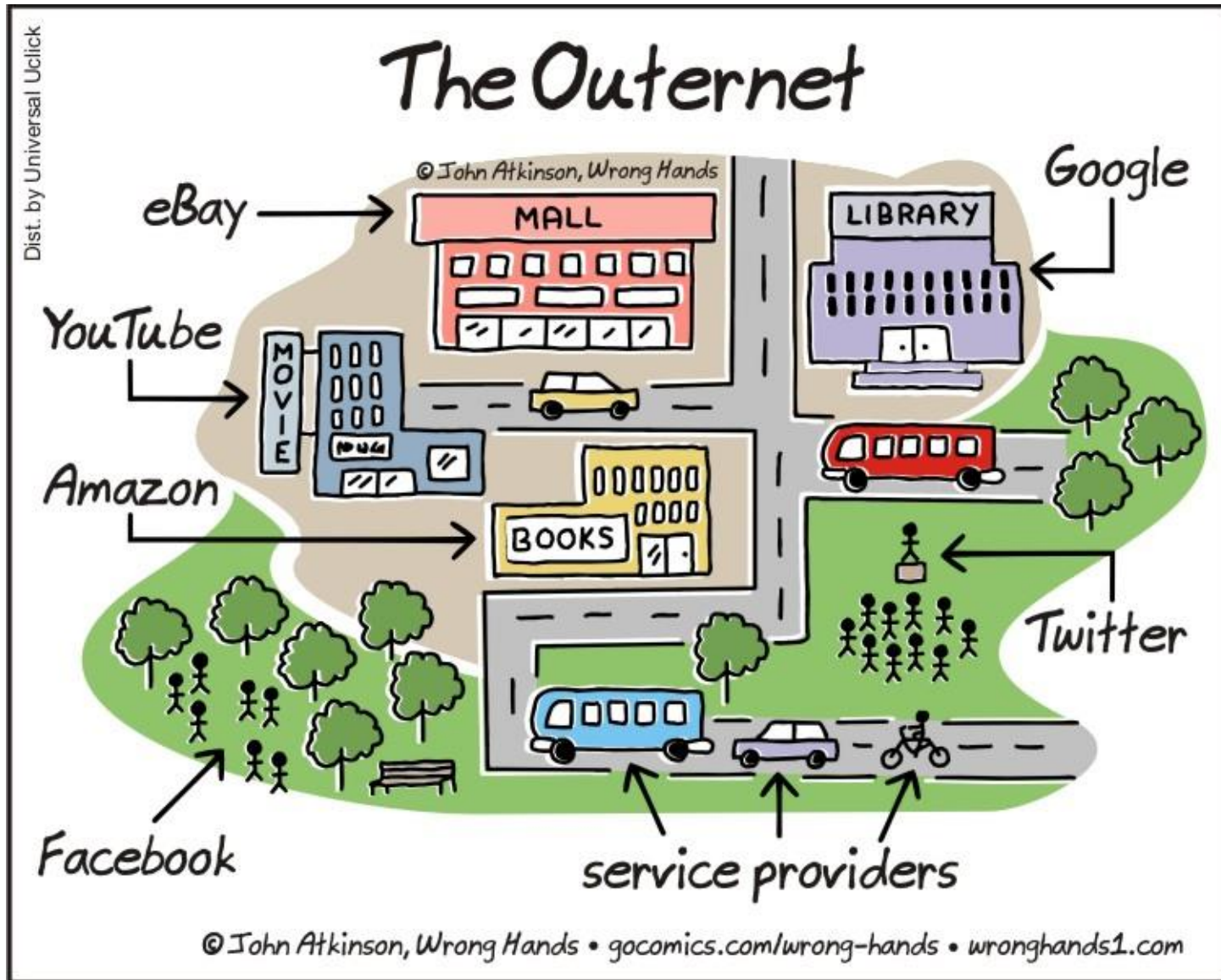


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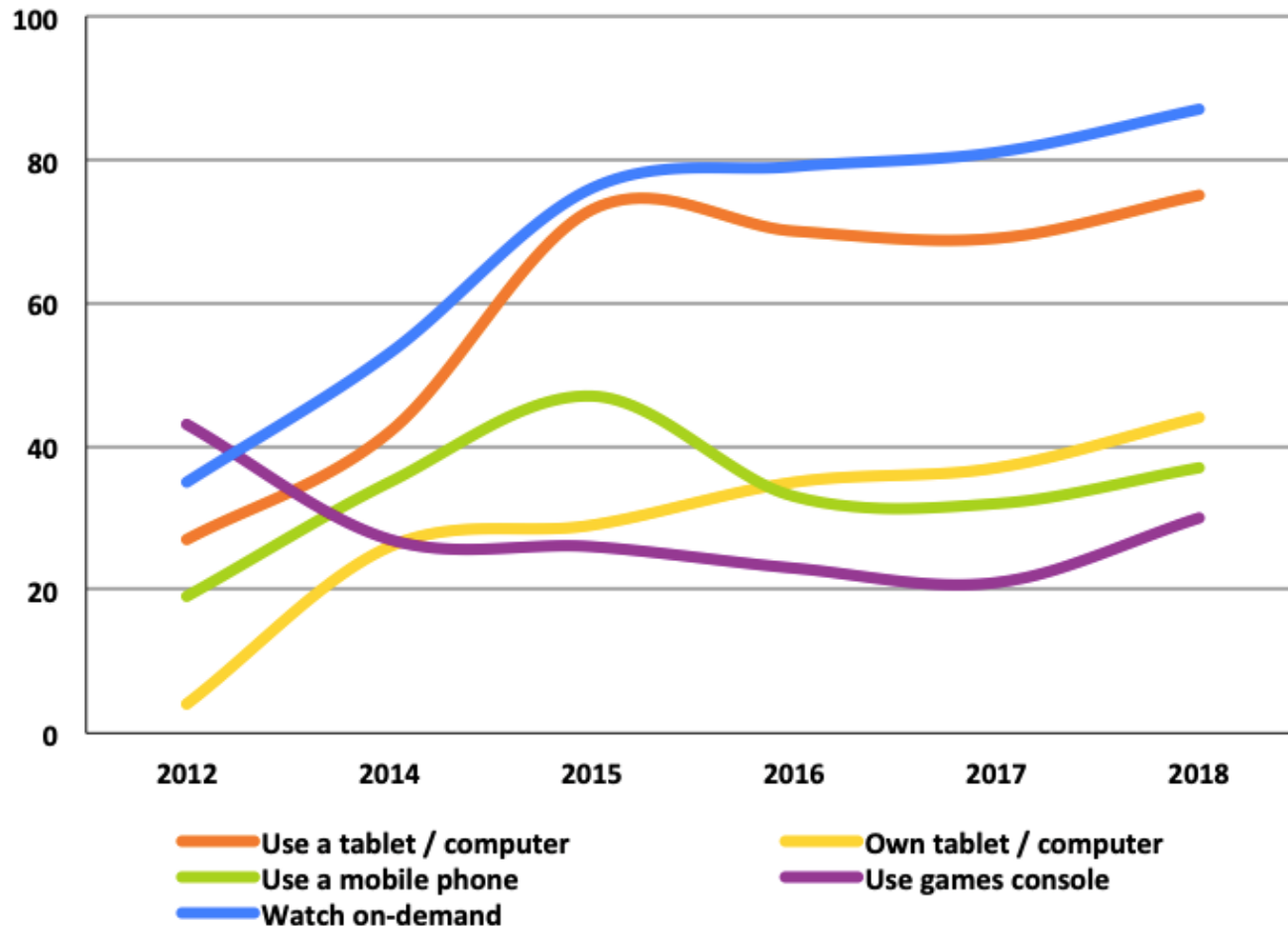


# What's new?



# The new normal

CHART 1: ACCESS TO MEDIA 2012-2018 (CHILDWISE Preschool Report 2018)



<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/parenting4digitalfuture/2019/05/08/tv-online-and-on-demand-childrens-changing-viewing-habits-in-the-digital-age/>



# Guidance

## Guidelines to respect, protect and fulfil the rights of the child in the digital environment



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## Concept note for a General Comment on children's rights in relation to the digital environment

### Call for submissions

The Committee on the Rights of the Child will draft a General Comment on children's rights in relation to the digital environment.

The Committee invites **all interested parties** to comment on the concept note of the General Comment. Submissions are welcome on all aspects of the concept note for the General Comment, with a particular focus on the following:

- The purpose and scope of the General Comment;
- The structure of the General Comment;
- General measures of implementation by State parties needed to realise children's rights in relation to the digital environment;
- Views on the issues and questions raised in the concept note; and
- Suggestions for new issues for inclusion in the General Comment.

In particular, the Committee welcomes relevant research evidence; knowledge of the sector; findings from consultations with children; examples of laws, policies or programmes; or evidence of good practice that would contribute to the drafting process.

# Thank you

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