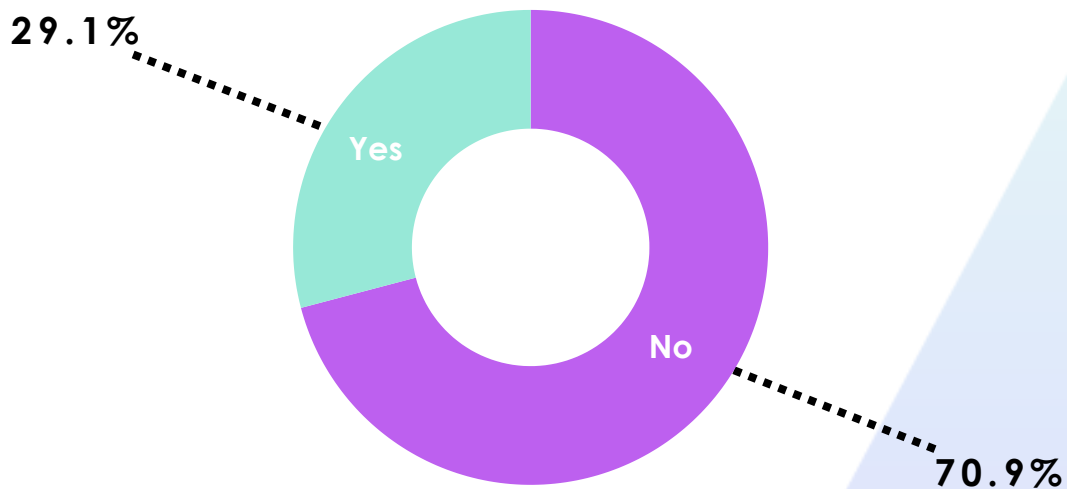


# VOTESFORSCHOOLS AT HOME

## YOUR LATEST RESULTS

**Does money compensate for injustice?**



*This VoteTopic received 54,392 total votes.*

## THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTIONS

**Are adults equipped to teach you about the online world?**

- What help do you need from adults when navigating the online world?
- What do you think adults need to know about your online experience?
- Do you want adults to help you, or do you want support from people your own age?

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

- *"We have campaigned strongly for change alongside brave survivors, families, young people and Parliamentarians to ensure the legislation results in a much safer online world for children." - Sir Peter Wanless, NSPCC CEO.*
- *"The Online Safety Act recently became law, and it will make Britain the safest place in the world to be online," - Michelle Donelan, Secretary of State for Science, Innovation & Technology.*

# A CLOSER LOOK: WHAT ARE COOKIES?



Do you ever wonder what people mean when they talk about cookies online? They're not actually talking about sweet treats, but an online tool that helps websites to remember what you look at on the internet.

Like all technological tools, this can be helpful and harmful. Cookies help websites to make your online experience run more smoothly. For example, if you visit a website that uses cookies, it will remember your username for you. If you're doing some online shopping, the website uses cookies to remember what you have chosen to buy.

On the other hand, some websites use cookies to share information about what you have been looking at with other businesses. These are called "third-party cookies". If you don't want your information being shared, there are ways that you can prevent it on your internet browser and on each website that you use.

## YOUR COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- What are cookies?
- Are technological tools always helpful?
- Give an example of how cookies can make using the internet easier.
- What do "third-party cookies" do?
- Find and copy a synonym for the word "stop".

## THIS WEEK'S OTHER NEWS STORIES

### **Stormont to return to business**

The Government in Northern Ireland will be re-opened after a 23-month break. The Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) has come to an agreement about some of the laws around Northern Ireland trading with the EU after Brexit.



### **Damage in Gaza analysed**

Roughly half of Gaza's buildings have been damaged or destroyed since the Hamas attacks on 7th October. In Khan Younis, 38,000 buildings have been damaged during Israel's strikes targeting Hamas fighters & their bases.



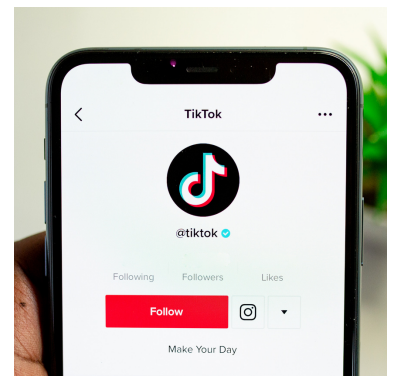
### **Disposable vapes to be banned**

PM Rishi Sunak has announced that disposable vapes will be banned to help deal with the rising numbers of young people using them. They are also working out how to stop vapes being sold to under-age children in shops.



### **TikTok and Universal Music battle**

Universal Music is planning to take down all of its songs from TikTok, claiming that they are not being paid fairly for using the music. Songs from Taylor Swift, The Weeknd and Sophie Ellis-Bextor will no longer be available.



*For more news stories, check out CBBC Newsround, First News, The Week Junior and Simple Politics.*

# FURTHER INFORMATION & SUPPORT

UK Safer Internet Centre has a designated area of their website just for young people, which includes games, quizzes and short films. They also have further information about Safer Internet Day 2024.

**Search for: [UK Safer Internet Centre young people](#)**

Childnet's 11-18 section includes advice on a wide range of online-related topics, such as expiring content, livestreaming, and screen time.

**Search for: [Childnet 11-18s](#)**

Childline has information, advice, support services, and a toolbox on their website to help you with any worries about life online.

**Search for: [Childline staying safe online](#)**

ThinkUKnow is part of CEOP (Child Exploitation & Online Protection Command). Its pages for 11-18s include stories & advice from young people, as well as information on issues like stalking, nudes, and sexual abuse. You can report online incidents there too.

**Search for: [Think U Know 11-18s](#)**

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*Please Note: If you have any concerns, please speak to a trusted adult, such as a teacher or caregiver.*