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Dear Parents and Carers

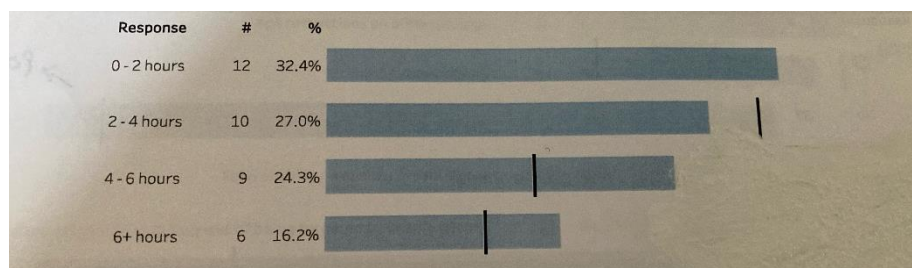
## E-safety and Internet Use

During school, our Year 6 children took part in a national survey to look at internet usage at home and various aspects of e-safety. We would like to share a few of the results with you.

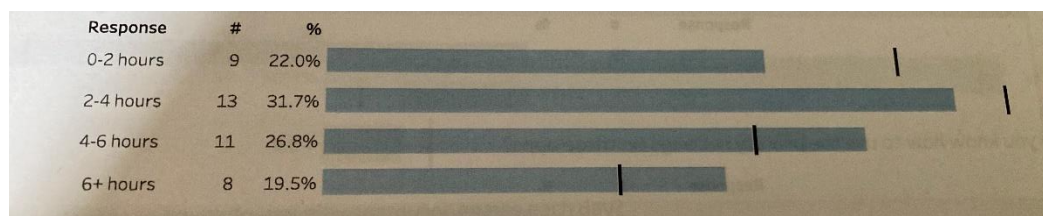
We are proud to say that very few St Mary's children have reported they have been unkind to others via text or email. Only a few reported that this had happened to them – less than the national average. We are also pleased that our children reported their parents look through their phone and give them rules about using electronic devices at home.

Children have also said that the e-safety lessons they have received in school have helped them change the way they use the internet. However, some answers were higher than the national average (the black line shows the national average). For example:

When asked how much time you spend on gaming, our Year 6 responses were:



When asked how much time do you spend on the internet (not doing homework), our Year 6 responses were:



Therefore, KS2 children will have another e-safety assembly before the end of term to remind them of time limits and how important it is to take breaks from screens.

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Because of the outcomes of the survey, children will also be reminded about how important it is to share details of the apps, websites and games they are playing with the adults in their home.

A large number of our children have reported having social media accounts – please remember to link these to your own email addresses as then you can monitor who is in contact with your child.

Finally, many of our children reported having over 10 'friends' that they have never met, on their social media accounts. Please follow the link to a website that can help with setting parent controls on different devices which is crucial to keeping your children safe:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Additional websites to support e-safety at home can be found at:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

[Using parental controls \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/)

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As always, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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