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Video-sharing sites top the ranking of risky online platforms for children

Video-sharing sites like YouTube are considered by children to be more risky than any other online platform, with pornography and violent content topping the list of their concerns about use of the web.

These are among the findings of a report launched on Safer Internet Day 2013 (Tuesday 5 February) by the EU Kids Online project, led in the UK by the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).

Nearly 10,000 children between 9-16 years old from 25 European countries were surveyed for the report, and were asked 'What things on the internet would bother people about your age?'. The report presents, for the first time, a detailed analysis of how children view the risks associated to the online world 'in their own words'.

Professor Sonia Livingstone, LSE, who is responsible for the survey, explains: "The EU Kids Online survey found that 55% of 9-16 year olds think that there are things online that bother children their age. This new report now goes to the heart of what concerns children - and the results give reason to reflect on policy and educational priorities. It is vital for us to address children's concerns about violent, aggressive or gory content on the internet, among the many other things that bother them."

Over half the children who responded (55%) spontaneously included a platform or technology in their answer. Video-sharing sites such as YouTube were the most commonly mentioned in terms of risk (by 32%), followed by websites (29%), social

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icide/self-harming websites. Bullying" (Girl, 14)

Children express disgust and fear

