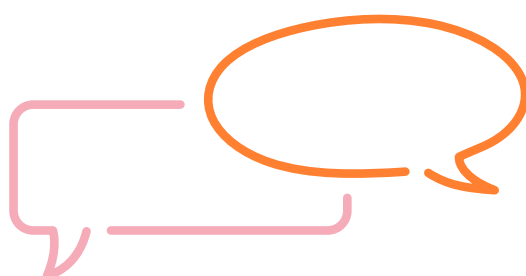


Issues facing children today

A Parent's View



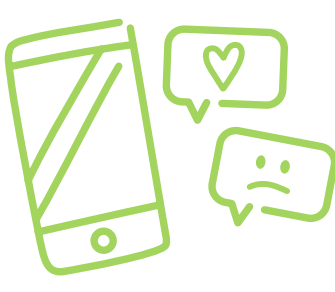
Parents across Wales have shared their views on what are the main issues facing children today.

As part of the Parents Connect Wales project **166 parents** shared **over 400 issues** that they felt were impacting their children.

The top 5 included:



47% Mental Health



37% Social Media



36% Pressure
(Peer, to fit in and to succeed)



22% Bullying



18% Poverty and Cost of Living

The full list was huge and included a wide range of issues that children are facing. Categories included:

Health and wellbeing **19%**

- Vaping • Understanding • Belonging
- Identity • Diet • Body image, etc

Lack of... **17%**

- Lack of places to go/hang out
- Opportunities • Social skills • Respect

Discrimination **14%**

- Racism • Practicing faith
- Inclusion • Equal opportunities

Technology **11%**

- Online influences
- Internet • AI

Safety **10%**

- Knives • Drugs
- Alcohol • War
- Violence

ALN **9%**

- Ableism • Poor ALN reform roll out • Lack of support, appointments and knowledge

Funding **9%**

- Budget cuts
- Lack of resources

Schools and Education **6%**

- Culture of schools
- Behaviour policies
- Absences since COVID

Climate/ environment **4%**

- Climate change
- Outdoor time

To get involved with Parents Connect Wales and share your views to support your children go to [Children in Wales | Parents Connect Wales Hub](#) to find out more.

Results collected during March and April 2024.