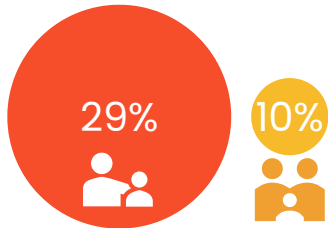


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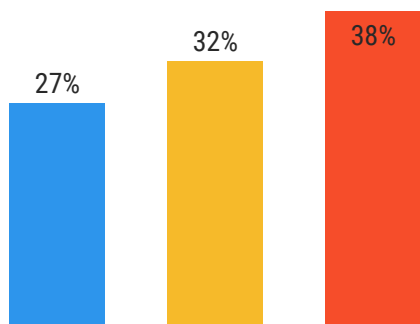


Financial stress



One-parent families were nearly three times more likely to have difficulty making ends meet than two-parent homes (29% v 10%).

Overweight/obese children had more GP visits



Two or more GP visits in last year by weight status

18% of 9-year-olds were overweight and 5% were obese. These children were more likely to have multiple GP visits compared to their non-overweight peers.

Most 9-year-olds said they got on 'very well' with their parents



84% of girls got on very well with their mum;

80% very well with their dad

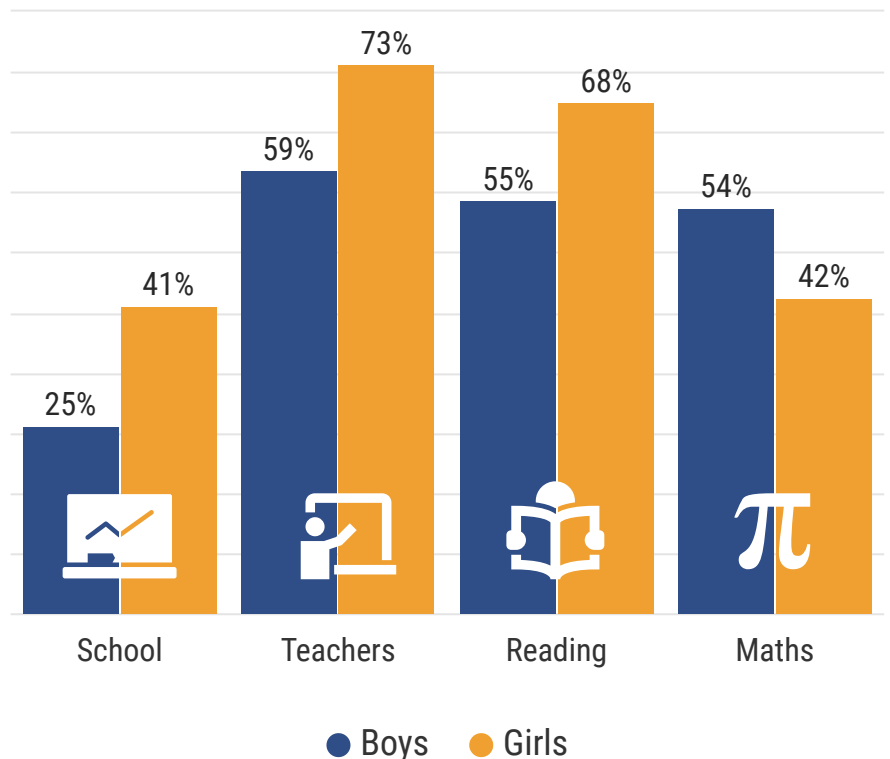


76% of boys got on very well with their mum;

74% very well with their dad

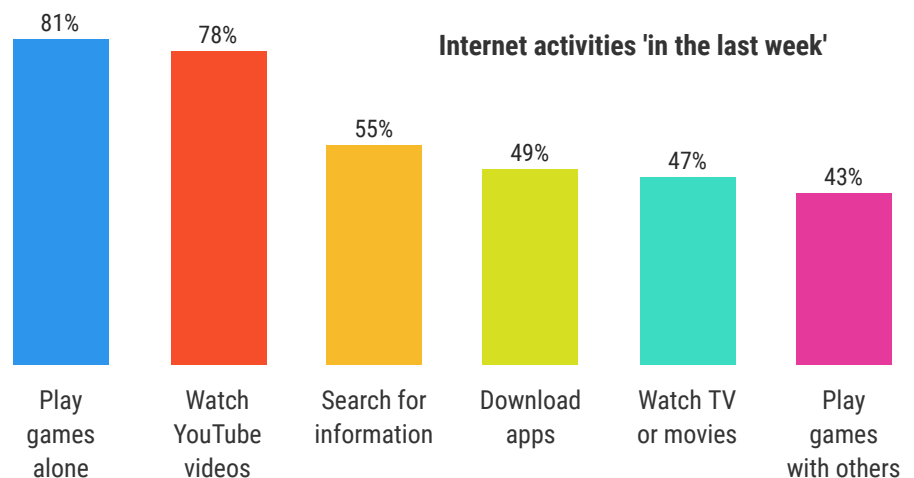
Girls were more positive about school than boys - except for Maths

Child 'always likes . . .'



The biggest differences in attitudes to school and subjects were between boys and girls with the latter being more positive to everything except Maths.

Playing games (alone) and watching YouTube videos were the most common internet activities for 9-year-olds



Nearly all children had access to the internet. The most common device used was a tablet computer (56%) and over two-thirds of children said they had their own device.