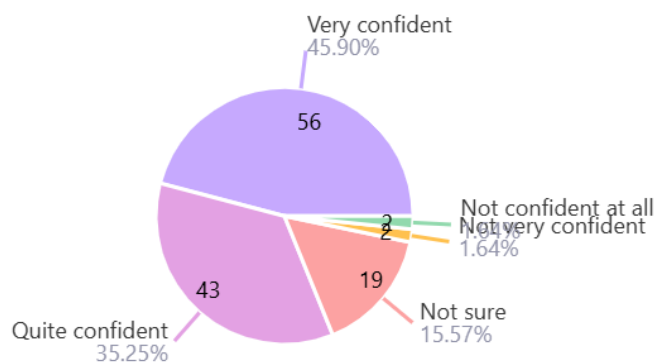


## E-Safety at Killisick School

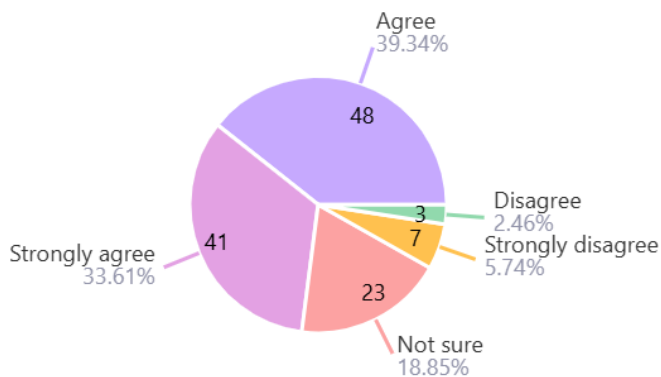
At Killisick School, e-safety is a key part of our curriculum and is taught throughout the school. We are committed to helping children develop the knowledge and skills they need to stay safe online, both in school and at home.

As part of our ongoing work, we recently carried out a pupil survey to gather children's views about online safety. The results were very encouraging:

- **81%** of pupils said they were either **confident** or **very confident** about staying safe online.



- **74%** of pupils said that lessons at school have helped them to stay safe online.



While the feedback was overwhelmingly positive, some children raised concerns about the risks associated with online chat and messaging apps, such as WhatsApp. As a school, we will continue to address these issues through our curriculum and by promoting safe online behaviours.

Parents and carers can find helpful advice and guidance about keeping children safe online, including information about messaging apps and social media, on the NSPCC website:

[NSPCC Online Safety Hub](#)

## Social Media and Under-16s

A number of pupils also told us they would like to learn more about the Government's plans to restrict access to social media for children under the age of 16. The proposal has received significant attention and discussion, and there are a range of views about how best to keep children safe online. The UK Safer Internet Centre welcomes the focus on children's online safety but highlights the importance of combining any restrictions with education, parental support and safer online environments.

Parents and carers who would like to find out more can read the UK Safer Internet Centre's statement here:

[UK Safer Internet Centre Statement on the Social Media Ban for Under-16s](#)

### **Talking to Children About Artificial Intelligence (AI)**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming an increasingly common part of children's online lives through chatbots, search engines, creative tools and learning apps. While AI can provide exciting opportunities for creativity and learning, it is important that children understand how to use it safely and responsibly. The NSPCC advises parents to have regular conversations about AI, discuss what information should never be shared online, and help children understand that AI-generated content is not always accurate.

The NSPCC has produced a useful guide for parents and carers:

[Talking to Children About AI \(NSPCC\)](#)

Working together, we can help ensure that all children enjoy the benefits of technology while staying safe online.