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## Inclusion North News Special



Inclusion North are sharing an important news story this week. It is about the government's plan to ban social media for young people under the age of sixteen years old.



The government had a survey about stopping (ban) children from using social media.

Parents and young people told them what they thought about Social Media.



Nine out of every ten parents say that the bad things that can be found or used on social media are a bigger risk to young people than the good things that happen on social media.



Two out of three young people say that young people under the age of sixteen should not be allowed to use some social media sites.



Australia already has a ban in place.

Other countries are thinking about a ban, like Spain, Greece, Denmark, Portugal and Canada



The ban will include online sites like Facebook, Threads, Snapchat, TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, and X. As well as stopping young people from contacting people they don't know on gaming sites.



There are more plans for people under the age of eighteen.

Stopping them from using Artificial Intelligence (AI) dating and relationship roleplay.



**Time**

As well as having time limits for phone scrolling in place.

This might mean not being able to use social media at night.



The Prime Minister Keir Starmer said

Social media is making children unhappy, making it easier for bullies to abuse children, and is designed to be addictive. A ban would give children more time, security, and more freedom to grow up.



Some people think this is a good plan, and others think it is a bad plan. Others think it will be hard to make this plan work.

If this plan is passed by law, it might begin in Spring 2027.