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### **New House of Lords report on children and the internet offers little help for parents**

#### **A missed opportunity for supporting families, says Parent Zone**

A new report on children and the internet by the House of Lords Select Committee on Communications has failed to offer any concrete suggestions on supporting parents in helping guide their children through the challenges of the digital age.

The report, [Growing Up With The Internet](#), examined the issues and opportunities children face as they make their way through life surrounded by, and interacting with, internet technologies.

Parent Zone is the leading UK organisation specialising in digital parenting. Our CEO Vicki Shotbolt is the official parent representative on the UK Council for Child Internet Safety (UKCCIS) and gave evidence to the Communications Committee in September 2016.

She welcomed the main findings of the report, including that recommendation that digital literacy should be taught in schools as part of mandatory PSHE lessons, but feels it missed the chance to offer practical support to parents.

‘This report does a great job of cataloguing some of the challenges associated with making the internet work for families. It is a great shame that all it offers parents is “more information”.

‘Information is not enough to support parents with the difficult task of taking offline parenting online. The internet has created challenges for parents that previous generations didn't have to face. It has made parenting materially more difficult which means that every parent should have access to proper digital parenting support.’

#### **Further information:**

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