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"The rapid success of Snapchat with teens/tweens highlights that for young people it is the ability to create and communicate in innovative, fun new ways that is at the heart of their interest in social media. New social media features are being introduced in the hope of similarly capturing the attention and imagination of the influential age-group".

- Rebecca McGrath, Media Analyst

# This report looks at the following areas:

- Social media opportunities and concerns
- · Music listening habits

The technology habits of the influential teen/tween demographic continue to evolve. The smartphone is now the clear centrepiece of teens/tweens' media lives, from their use of social media to how they listen to music. In terms of their viewing habits, there is also a clear transition away from the traditional TV model towards streaming services and online videos.

Despite age-restrictions most teens/tweens are avid social media users. In contrast to adults where Facebook is the dominant network, YouTube is the most used social media network among teens/tweens. Snapchat is also an increasingly popular and important platform for the demographic which advertisers are now trying to capitalise upon.

Parents' fears regarding their children's use of technology are numerous and the majority of parents opt to closely monitor their children's online behaviour; an option now readily provided by many media and tech companies. This, however, raises a debate regarding the age at which a child has a right to higher levels of privacy online.

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