

IS GHOSTING EASIER FOR EVERYONE?

Young

people were discussing the concept of “ghosting” for this VoteTopic and how it can be as prevalent in a person’s professional life as their personal life. They considered different workplace scenarios and the best ways to respond in each. Primary pupils also explored the concept of “ghosting”, however they looked at how it can be used to end or pause friendships and the feelings that accompany it for both parties. They spoke about change as a whole and how they manage changing relationships.

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DATA MANAGER

47,135	11,252	35,883
TOTAL VOTES	VOTES AGE 5-11	VOTES AGE 11-16+

The VoteTopic questions, discussed amongst the different age groups:

Primary 5-11: “Is it easy when friendships change?”
Secondary 11-16, College & 16+: “Is ghosting easier for everyone?”



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For the majority of Primary pupils, changing friendships are difficult to deal with. Many said they had experienced a friendship changing and found it to be a lonely, distressing and confusing time. Some said it depends on the situation, as if it is your choice to take a step back then it can come as a relief. The term “ghosting” was used in some instances, mostly to say that it is an unkind way to end a friendship.

For the most part, Secondary and older students agreed, arguing that ghosting is unprofessional in your work life and harmful in personal relationships. Some stressed the importance of communicating why a relationship is ending or changing, so that both parties have closure and understand the reason for the shift.

However, some students pointed out specific circumstances where ghosting can be the safer or easier choice; for example, in situations where a person refuses to accept why a relationship, professional or otherwise, is coming to an end after you have tried to communicate with them. Others highlighted that for the ghoster, abruptly ending communication can be easier as it stops them from having to deal with potential arguments or upset. Most students agreed that ghosting is difficult to process for the person being ghosted and for that reason, it is kinder and more respectful to communicate.

It is easy but you have to do it respectfully. It is part of life. You have to try to do the best thing for both sides.

Primary ‘Yes’ Voter

Sometimes people can feel emotional and that's normal, especially if they are being unkind [...] It's not easy, because you can't erase the memories you've made with those friends.

Primary ‘No’ Voter

Sometimes ghosting someone is easier than causing an argument and dealing with the consequences.

Secondary ‘Yes’ Voter

It harms both parties and their feelings. It may end up being difficult for them to let go. It will be alot easier to communicate and explain why things may not be progressing so both can let go easily.

Secondary ‘No’ Voter