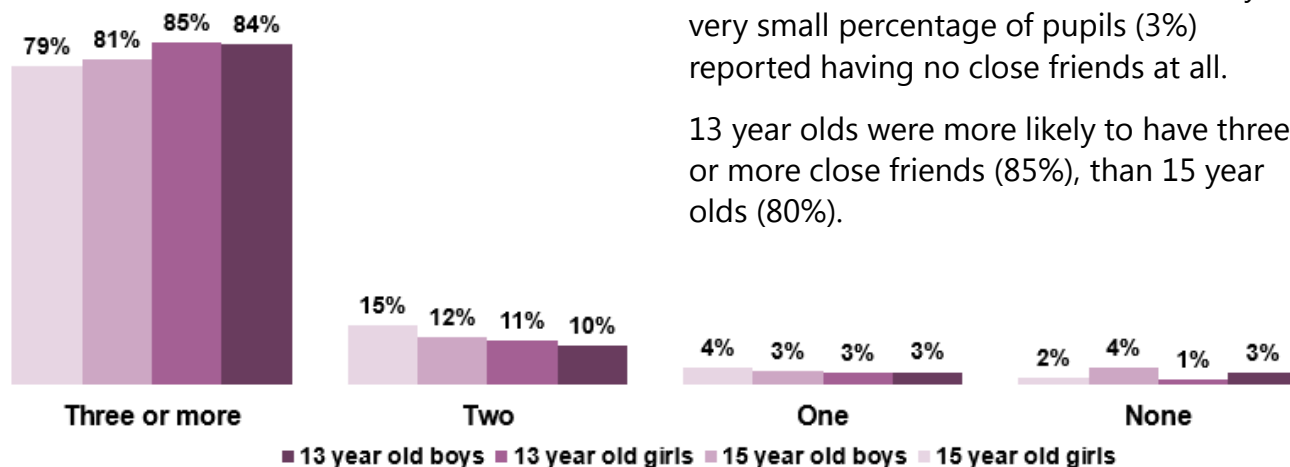




## FRIENDS FACTSHEET

### How many close friends do pupils have?



The majority of all pupils (82%) said they had three or more close friends and only a very small percentage of pupils (3%) reported having no close friends at all.

13 year olds were more likely to have three or more close friends (85%), than 15 year olds (80%).

Pupils with **no close friends** were around 3 times more likely to have a **below-average wellbeing score** (39%) than those with 3 or more friends (12%).

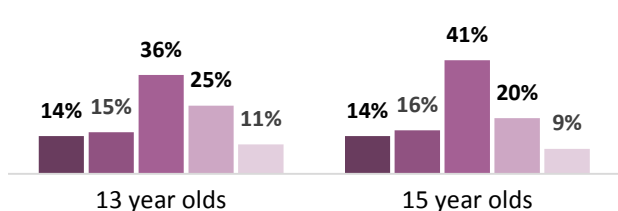


**Boys were slightly more likely than girls to have to no close friends** (4% compared to 2% respectively).

**15 year olds were slightly more likely to have no friends** (3%) compared to 13 year olds (2%).

### How many nights a week do pupils spend out with friends?

■ No evenings   
 ■ Once a week   
 ■ 2-3 evenings  
■ 4-5 evenings   
 ■ 6-7 evenings



It was **most common** for pupils to spend between **two or three evenings** a week out with their friends.

Since 2004, there has been a gradual **shift away from spending most nights out** with friends to just a few nights a week.

Among 13 year olds, **boys** were more likely to spend **no evenings with friends** (17%) than girls (11%).

Among 15 year olds, **boys** were more likely to be at both **extremes of the scale** – spending every night out with friends (8% boys vs 4% of girls) or spending no nights out with friends (16% of boys vs 12% girls).