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## 25,000 children have a gambling problem



**Recently we have discovered that ONE in six kids that are aged 11 to 15 gamble every week.**

Schools are really worried and over 100 are thinking about giving lessons to all pupils so that they can stop getting addicted to gambling.

Demos have been researching this problem and found out that the favourite form of gambling for



youngsters was placing bets, playing fruit machines and then playing cards for money.

Demos have decided to do lessons on the dangers of gambling and now more than 100 schools have said that they want to take part.

Ms Vibert a spokesperson for the Demos think tank said: “The lessons encouraged pupils to weigh risk, manage impulses and advice others – all things that can prevent problem gambling.”

So far the lessons have had a positive impact. Ms Vibert the spokesperson for Demos said “Problem gambling can wreak havoc on people’s lives. Prevention is clearly preferable to treatment later on. “ We call upon the Govern-ment and schools to use these resources to help develop the skills and resilience of pupils.”

