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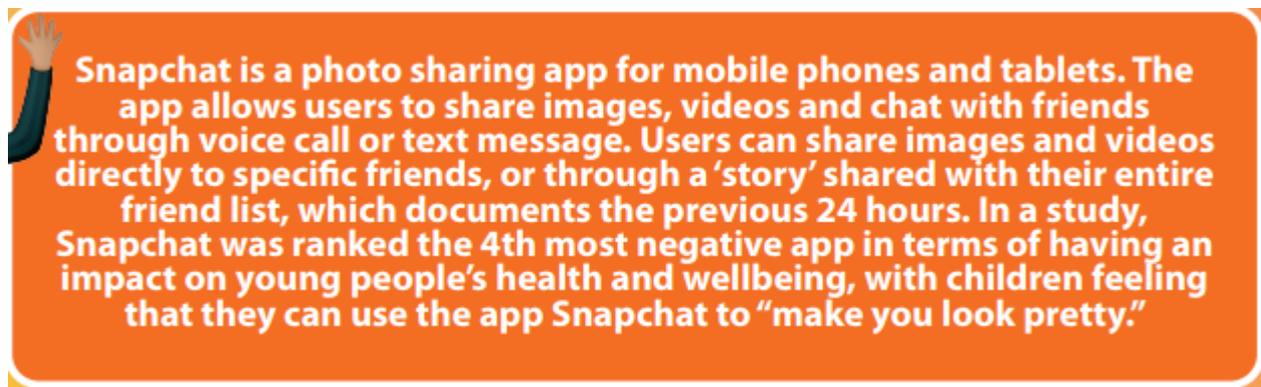
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Dear Parent/Carer

Keeping Safe Online

National Online Safety is a website offering advice and support about a range of issues about how children can remain safe online for parents, carers and trusted adults. The National Online Safety guide focuses on empowering parents and carers with the information needed to hold an informed conversation about online safety with a child. For further information and guidance please visit the following website: www.nationalonlinesafety.com

This Pastoral NL highlights what parents and carers need to know about **SNAPCHAT**.



Exposing Your Child's Location

The 'Snap Map' lets you share your EXACT location in real-time through a map on the app. The user's location updates when the app has been opened on the device. There is a warning on the Snapchat website about uploading images and videos to 'Our Story' stating that "snaps you submit to 'Our Story' can still show up on the Map, no matter which location setting you choose!" When uploading to 'Our Story,' your child's image or video could appear in "Search results and Stories on or off Snapchat - today or in the future."

Sexting

While Snapchat's gimmick is that all photos, videos and text disappear eventually, users still have the capability to **screenshot or record anything** which has been sent to them. Users may sometimes forget that screenshotting is possible and send a compromising image or message to somebody who they think they trust. Due to 'Snaps' disappearing, (users can even send a one-second photo or video). Snapchat has become the chosen platform for children and young people to send sexually explicit images or 'selfies.' Once a photo/video has been screenshotted, or recorded using another device or software, this can lead to further dangers, such as blackmail and cyberbullying.



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Top Tips for Parents

Use 'Ghost Mode'

We highly recommend enabling 'Ghost Mode' on the app so that your child's location will no longer be visible to anyone on the 'Snap Map.' To enable this, go onto the Snap Map and tap the cog in the top-right corner. Change the setting to 'Ghost Mode'.

How to Delete a Message?

Advise your child never to send any negative messages (or images through gallery in the chat on the app) as screenshots can still be taken. You should also advise your child to screenshot any negative comments they receive as the sender can also delete them. To delete a message, simply press and hold the sent message and press delete.

Turn OFF 'Quick Add'

'Quick Add' helps friends find each other on the app. This is based on mutual friends or if their number is in their phone book. Explain to your child that this feature can open up their profile to strangers. We highly recommend that your child turns off the 'Quick Add' feature. This can be done in the settings.

If you have any concerns or queries relating to any of the above information, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Assistant or Year Achievement Coordinator.

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