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Dear Parent/Carer

Internet Safeguarding Update

You may be aware that Snapchat has developed a new feature for their app called Snapmaps which allows users to see the location of other snapchat users. Many young people have a large number of 'friends' on their Snapchat accounts who they probably do not know well and could unwittingly be sharing their location with.

There are three possible settings for Snapmaps:-

- sharing with no-one (Ghost mode)
- sharing with select friends (choose which friends you share your location with)
- sharing with my friends (share location with all of your friends)

We would strongly recommend that you check your son's or daughter's privacy settings if they use Snapchat. It may be that they are unaware that the default setting is to share their location with everybody.

For further details and more advice please see the links below:

<https://support.snapchat.com/en-GB/article/find-friends-map>

<https://www.google.co.uk/amp/www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/0/snapchat-map-do-use-safe-children/amp/>

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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