

SNAPCHAT

One of the most common Apps at the moment is Snapchat. You may have heard reports about a new feature called “Snap Map”. This is causing a fair amount of fuss in the news.

It is the ability to be able to view a map showing the exact location of where they are and also their ‘friends’.

This is concerning as it could make their whereabouts known to strangers as not every user is careful about who they add to their friends list.

Our immediate suggestion for everybody, is to set their settings to be “Ghost Mode”. That way nobody is able to see their location. You do this by:

- When they are in photo-taking mode, you pinch the screen and that will open Snap Map
- Touch the settings cog which is located in the top right corner of the screen
- Tap "Ghost Mode" and that will switch off location sharing.
- Also need to remember that photos and videos which are posted to Snapchat's public 'Our Story' will still be discoverable on the map

Here are a couple of links which describe the Snapchat App and how to control their settings.

<https://support.snapchat.com/en-GB/article/about-snap-map2>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/Documents/Thinkuknow%20Parent%27s%20and%20carers%20%20guide%20to%20Snapchat.pdf>