



Fairmead School – Online safety

What Is Snapchat?

Snapchat is a photo-sharing app where users can send photos or videos to their friends. These will display on screen for up to ten seconds before being deleted, although it is possible to screenshot messages and use other apps to capture the content. Snapchat could be used for messages of a sexual nature or also mean messages. Learn how to set privacy settings with the [“how-to” guide](#).

Basic Snapchat settings to manage who can see information:

Choose who can see your story:

Step 1 – Go to your **profile** and tap the **gear icon** in the top right corner.

Step 2 – Scroll down to **Privacy Control** and tap **View My Story**. Select who can view your story. With a **Custom** list, you can block individual contacts.

Location sharing:

Step 1 – From your **home page**, select the **location pin** in the bottom left corner.

Step 2 – Tap the **gear icon** in the top right corner.

Select **Ghost Mode** to completely hide your location. Alternatively, you can choose to hide your location from specific people.

Also, toggle on **Hide my live location** to turn off live location updates. If toggled off, your location updates in real time, even if the app is closed.

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Parent and carers support



Snapchat - Top Tip!

Snapchat Family Centre is an in-app tool that lets parents and carers stay on top of who their teens are in contact with on the app. Learn more [here](#).

To set up Snapchat Family Centre:

Step 1 – Create or login to your personal Snapchat account. From your **profile**, tap **Add Friends** and **add your child** by searching their username. Return to your **profile**.

Step 2 – Tap the **gear icon** in the top right corner to get into **Settings**. Under **Privacy Control**, tap **Family Centre** and select your child's **name > Send invitation**.

Step 3 – Login to your **child's account** (or ask them to access it on their phone). From their **profile**, tap **Add Friends** and then your **username**.

Step 4 – Tap **View Invitation** and then **Accept**. On your own account, you can now **tap your child's profile** in Family Centre to see their activity, which you can use to start conversations around their online experiences.

Did you know?

The minimum age for Snapchat is 13.

Customise who can contact you:

If your child is under 18, you can change this setting so that only friends can contact them.

To change this privacy setting:

Step 1 – Go to your **profile** and tap the **gear icon** in the top-right corner.

Step 2 – Scroll down to **Privacy Control** and tap **Contact Me**. Tap either **Friends** or **Friends and Contacts**.



To report, block or remove someone on Snapchat:

Step 1 – go to their **profile**. You can do this by going to your **chats list** and tapping their **profile image**.

Step 2 – Tap the 3 **horizontal dots** in the top right corner. Select **Manage Friendship**.

Step 3 – Tap **Report** to report them. Select the reason and tap **Submit**.

Tap **Block** to block them and **Remove Friend** to remove them.

Learn more here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/aidance/snapchat-safetu->

