

## Social media news - update to Snapchat



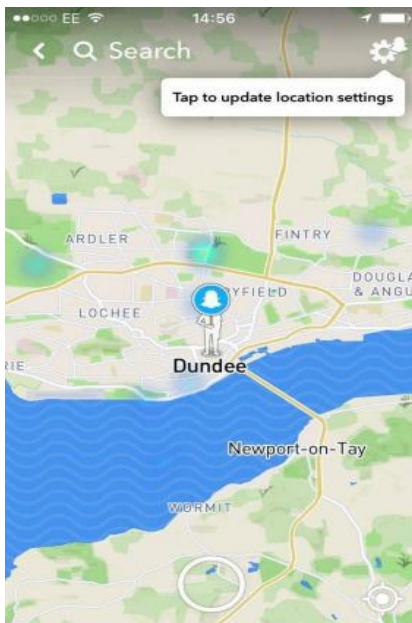
A recent update to the Snapchat app is a feature called Snap Map. This feature allows Snapchatters to see in real time, the location of their friends and what other people are doing all over the world.

We understand that this feature is automatically enabled unless you disable it and it means that anyone you are linked to on Snapchat can locate exactly where you are, which building you are in and your exact whereabouts within the building.

As a school we consider part of our safeguarding duty is to help students protect their online privacy and to advise you of this latest update to assist your children to remain safe when using social media. We are aware that many students will have Snapchat contacts who are not close friends or family and in some cases are unknown.

### How to select different options for privacy when using Snap Map.

To access Snap Map you pinch on your Snapchat camera home screen while it is in 'selfie' orientation.



Click on the settings icon (the cog) and tick the option 'Ghost Mode'.

**Ghost Mode** means you are the only person who will see your location on the map, whilst still being able to view where friends are.

**My Friends** means all your friends can see your location.

The **Select Friends** option allows you to look through your friends list and decide who you want to share their locations with.

This information will also be on the school website and student VLE.

