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Dear Parents/Carers

As a school we would like to ensure that our wider community are aware of the newly released Snapchat functions and implications of using the app.

At Norwood we do not believe that children should be allowed to access the Snapchat app and we are aware that the Terms and Conditions of the app state that all users should be at least 13 years. We are however aware that there may be some children who have subscribed to Snapchat app and would like to support families to ensure that should children be using the app, they are as safe as possible.

The new function, Snap Maps, enables other users to see exact locations of those they are following or being followed by. This means that at any stage your child, if a user of the app, could be located at any time day or night and experts say that this could put children at serious risk. There is a way to ensure that this function is switched off and we strongly advise that this is the best way forward for any user.

How can I switch off Snap Maps location sharing?

1. When in photo-taking mode, pinch the screen to open Snap Map.
2. Touch the settings cog in the top right corner of the screen.
3. Tap 'Ghost Mode' to switch off location sharing.
4. Photos and videos posted to Snapchat's public 'Our Story' will still be discoverable on the map

Yours sincerely

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