

# GORSLEY GOFFS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and carers,

Today I have spoken to children in years 4, 5 and 6 about their use of social media, in particular the app Snapchat.

We have talked about age limits and how they should not have their own social media accounts until they are 13. However, if they have accounts with their parent's permission then it is our duty as a school to inform both them and you about how to use social media safely.

As you may be aware, Snapchat have recently brought out an update called Snap maps which means that Snapchat users are visible and can be located wherever they are using the app. This is potentially a very scary and dangerous situation for your children and teenagers to be in.

This is an **automatic update** which affects all Snapchat users. To disable this feature, you need to enable 'Ghost mode' in Snapchat.

Instructions of how to do this can be found here:

<http://metro.co.uk/2017/06/23/how-to-turn-on-ghost-mode-on-snapchats-snap-map-6729915/>



You can also find more advice about using Snapchat safely by following the following links and QR codes.

\* Advice for parents from the NSPCC's Net Aware site:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/snapchat/>



\* A Parent's Guide to Snapchat, from connectsafely.org:

[http://www.connectsafely.org/wp-content/uploads/snapchat\\_parents\\_guide.pdf](http://www.connectsafely.org/wp-content/uploads/snapchat_parents_guide.pdf)



All of this information can also be found on the E-safety page of the school website. If you have any concerns about your child's use of social media or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

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Computing and E-Safety Coordinator