

Parents' Safeguarding Bulletin



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Apps Causing Safeguarding Concerns

SnapMaps

Snap Chat has a feature called SnapMaps which allows users to see the location of their contacts. This feature allows others to accurately pinpoint where you are. There are three possible privacy settings:

- Ghost mode , where only you can see your position;
- My Friends mode, where any contact can see your location; and
- Select Friends mode , just those who you choose can see you

ChildNet have posted a thorough explanation of SnapMaps and how to ensure users stay safe. Well worth a read to share with anyone you know who uses the app.

[http:// www.childnet.com/blog/introductions-nap-maps-the-new-location- sharing-feature-in-snapchat](http://www.childnet.com/blog/introductions-nap-maps-the-new-location-sharing-feature-in-snapchat)

Sexting Privacy Apps

Sexting amongst young people continues to provide a safeguarding challenge. Almost every secondary school reports a concern about 'sexting', and, occasionally, it appears in primary schools too. There are a number of apps that allow a user to hide any photos they don't want others to see, including parents and teachers. Many of these apps are disguised as calculators, and often use an icon which is similar to the inbuilt app. One popular 'secure' photo store is Calculator Vault.

Safeguarding and supporting your child is our purpose in posting this bulletin.

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