

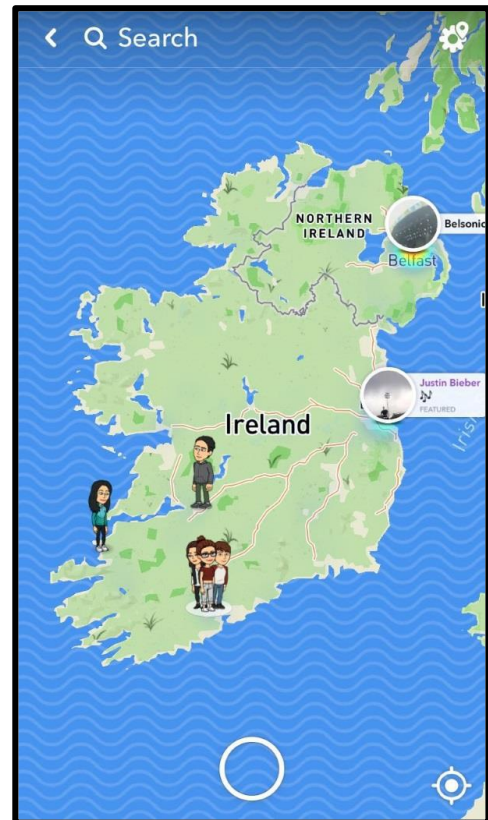
E-safety News: Update to Snapchat



A part of the latest update to the popular Snapchat app is a feature called 'Snap Map'.

This feature that is **automatically enabled** can track your location unless you disable it. This means that **anyone that you are linked to** on snapchat can **locate exactly** where you are, which building you are in and your exact whereabouts within the building.

If you pinch the screen, your location will be shown.

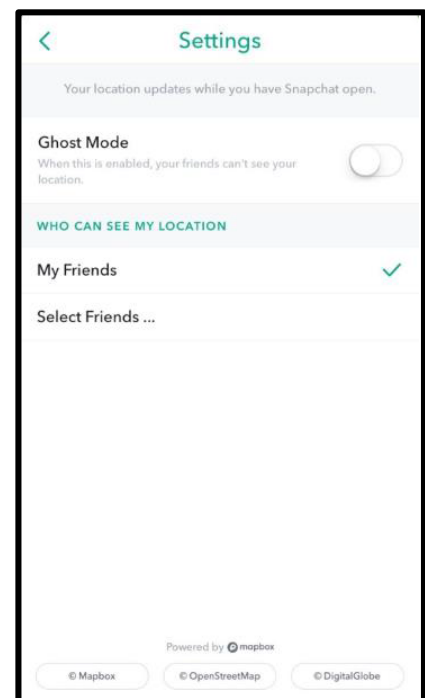


To disable this 'feature' you need to click on the settings button (the cog) whilst on this screen and tick the option 'ghost mode'. This will then be disabled.

As a school we consider part of our safeguarding duty is to advise you of this latest update to ensure that you remain safe when using social media as we are aware that many students have snapchat contacts who are not always close friends or family and in some cases are unknown.

For parents:

Please remember to review the apps that your child is using as we are also aware of "innocent" sounding apps that actually masquerade as something else (e.g. calculator apps that are secret photo storage apps).



As always, it is important to remember to talk to your child about their online activity in the same way as you would about their real-life exploits.

Here is a video of Nadia Sawalha's 14 year old daughter talking about the update:

<http://www.ok.co.uk/celebrity-news/1116276/loose-women-nadia-sawalha-facebook-furious-rant-snapchat-maps-update-feature>