







You should be over 13 years of age to set up an account.

WHAT IS SNAPCHAT?

Snapchat is an app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. You must be 13+ to sign up. Users can send messages (snaps) to others that can only be seen for a set time period e.g. 10 seconds. Users can also upload snaps to stories which then disappear after 24 hours.

IMPORTANT

You can find out more about Snapchat using the following links: https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/snapchat-safety-ahow-to-guide-for-parents/
https://snap.com/en-GB/safety/safety-center

FAMILY CENTRE

Snapchat have introduced a new in-app tool called Family Centre. Family Centre will allow you to see who your child is friends with on Snapchat and who they have been communicating with (you will not be able to see the contents of conversations). You will also be able to see who they are friends with on Snapchat, report accounts confidentially and view resources to help you start conversations with your child about online safety.

Watch the video here: https://snap.com/en-GB/safety-and-impact/post/family-center

SAFETY TIPS



It is important to talk to your child regularly about what they are doing online and make sure that they know that they should always talk to you or another trusted adult if they have any concerns. Please make sure the appropriate privacy settings are set up on Snapchat and your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary.





ONLINE GROOMING

Internet Matters have produced a guide outlining what you need to know about Online Grooming:

https://www.internetmatters.org/re sources/online-grooming-guidewhatparents-need-to-know/



SNAPCHATAI

There were concerns with My AI when initially released, for example it was providing responses that weren't always age appropriate. Snapchat have stated that 99.5% of responses now conform to their community guidelines, but we would recommend talking to your child about their use of My AI. At present the only way to delete My AI is to become a Snapchat+ subscriber.

https://help.snapchat.com/hc/engb/articles/132667883589 32-What-isMy-Al-on-Snapchat-and-how-do-luse-it

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