

## Park Lane Primary & Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Recently we have had several issues brought to our attention linked to some of our children and the use of the social media app **Snapchat**.

You may not be aware, but all social media platforms automatically set themselves to public. The expectation is that all users need to go into the settings and set their profile to private.

The biggest issue with having a public profile is that ANYONE can access the profile and not only see their photos and videos but also zoom into maps and see exactly where the user lives if the location settings are also turned on.

The link below is a parent guide to Snapchat and how to make your child safe online. Please remember that all social media platforms have a minimum age of 13 years. If you choose to sign up your child to a social media site at primary school age, all filters will be removed from your child's profile before they are 18.

If you need any further help, please contact your child's class teacher and we will try our best to help you.

https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/sites/default/files/2017-01/SnapFSP 2016%20Snapchat%20Parents%20Factsheet.pdf

Working together, we will keep our children safe.

Yours sincerely,

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