



6<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope that you found last week's bulletin useful. As you are aware there are benefits to social media, but the trick is to the happy balance with their use. Any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

**SnapChat** is an instant message app, with one of the principle features that the pictures and messages are only available for a short time before they become inaccessible to their recipients. We find that this can give the students a false sense of security and can lead to them sharing inappropriate images and/or comments with the belief that no evidence will be there. Students can screenshot any images or content shared and pass on like they usually would do. The minimum age to use SnapChat is 13 years old, similar to WhatsApp students can make contact with people who are not in their contact list and appear as friends of friends.

SnapChat automatically shares your location with others on their friends list, to remove this it needs to be disabled in settings. Whilst we will offer support and guidance in school, much of this is happening outside of school and we would encourage you to have a conversation with your son/daughter regarding their use of SnapChat. For more information please visit [www.snapchat.com](http://www.snapchat.com)

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me through email ([e.cawston@stclementshigh.org.uk](mailto:e.cawston@stclementshigh.org.uk)) or by calling 01553 825919.

Yours faithfully



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