

Overview

FrogSnap is a mobile app that you can use to quickly upload images, videos and audio recordings to your platform. You can capture content and then upload it to various areas of Frog in just a few steps, so this is a really powerful tool to have at your disposal.

FrogSnap addresses any safeguarding concerns you might have for when you take photos through the app and upload them to Frog, as they delete themselves from your mobile device.

You can download the app from the Apple App Store if you're using an iPhone or iPad or the Google PlayStore if you're using an android device.

On first use, on opening the app, you will need to enter your school's Frog web address. You will then be taken to the Frog login page, so you will need to enter your Frog login details here and when you log in, you need to allow FrogSnap to use your Frog ID.

Once you're logged in, you will be asked whether you want to allow FrogSnap to access your camera, so you will need to allow this to happen. This will then open your camera and you are ready to capture some content.

Before we do that, I'll just run through some of the options on this screen. In the top left-hand corner, you will see the Frog logo. Pressing this opens a settings panel and you can choose whether to upload content using Wifi only; which means the app will only upload to Frog when connected to Wifi so it won't use up your data.

You can also set when any pictures, videos or audio files captured in FrogSnap are deleted. If you cannot see these options, it means your Frog Administrator has set these features for you.

And at the bottom, you also have the option to sign out, handy if you are using a shared device, otherwise if it's your own device, FrogSnap will remember your login details.

Tap the Frog logo to close that menu and take you back to where you can capture some content. The button in the top right-hand corner allows you to switch between your front facing camera or rear facing camera. Pressing the grid button in the bottom left hand corner shows you all the media you have captured so I'll click that now and have a look

at the features within here. You can close this screen to go back to the camera by selecting the close button at the top. The number in the middle simply shows you how much media you have stored in this app. The folder button in the top right-hand corner allows you to open any existing media on your device. This means you can capture evidence outside the app and then import it later.

I'll cancel that and go back into the media area where I can also choose to capture some more media. At the bottom, there is a camera button furthest to the left and this takes you back to where you can capture an image.

By being able to quickly send a photo straight to Frog, not only can I use FrogSnap for capturing student work, I can also use the app and my Timeline as a visualizer, being able to talk through class work on the whiteboard as soon as I have snapped a photo.

Next to camera button is the video button which allows you to capture 5 minutes of video. This short video function can be useful for performance capture in both PE and Drama. The microphone button next to that allows you to record 10 minutes of audio

We've heard of schools using the audio not only for music performance and feedback but also in MFL lessons for recording conversations.

Finally, the scan button on the right allows you to scan a document. As you can see you don't need to be lined up perfectly on the page for the document to be scanned in as a rectangular image. There are also options for greyscale, colour etc

You can change between capturing photos, videos, audio or documentation at any point by pressing this button in the bottom right hand corner of the main screen. This allows you to quickly change between capturing different evidence.

Ok so I'm going to capture some student work now and I'll just take a photo for this example. Pressing the blue button at the bottom captures the image and then I have the following options:

I can select cancel which will delete the image,

I can edit it,

add a file name,

keep it for later or send it to somewhere within Frog.

If I press Edit, you can see there are many useful tools you can use. You can enhance the image if needed, change the orientation, crop it and you can even draw on the image and add text Which might useful should you want to label the parts of a plant for instance.

Did you know you can buy microscope attachments for mobile cameras? – which means you can use FrogSnap as a way of photographing cells and other microscopic images.

As you can see, there are other tools, but I won't walk you through all of them in this video, so please do have a play around with these when you get chance.

If I go back, I can rename the file here, I can choose to save this image by selecting 'keep for later' or I can send it straight to Frog. Keeping it for later adds it into my Media so I'll do that now and show you that when I open the media by pressing on the Grid in the bottom left hand corner, and you can see that image has been added.

If I was to press Send To... I have the option to send this to a site, to FrogDrive or to a user. When pressing site, you will have all your available sites listed here and there is also a search bar at the top to make finding a specific site easier. You need to select the site, then you can add a description and tag it if necessary. If I had an image carousel widget on my site and it only displayed images tagged with FrogDemo, then I would need to add that tag to my image if I want it to display.

What this means is that I can use FrogSnap to take photos of events in and send them directly to a gallery, making a secure live news feed of an event or school trip.

ANY media sent to a site can always be found later in the Manage Site asset area found within the Frog Platform.

If I go back to the send to.... Options, if you want to upload the image to your Frog Documents area to be used later, you can do this by selecting FrogDrive and then choosing the My Documents folder. Going back, If I wanted to send this to a user, I need to press user then I can select any groups I have relationships with in Frog and then select a user from there.

If I'm using ePortfolios with my students, then I would select the Site option, and search for the student's name there. ePortfolios are named for the students.

It's worth noting that if your school also uses FrogProgress, students will have an additional option when sending content to a site. If a student is using an iOS device, they will be able to send files directly to their progression trackers to be used as evidence. This means that students can capture evidence and add it in just a few steps.

Students using Apple devices can also hand in homework via FrogSnap, if you have a File Drop as part of the assignment.