

Instructions

- 1) Compose email with Subject: It's time to Protect Children Online.
- 2) Send email to the following ministers;
 - Taoiseach@taoiseach.gov.ie
 - ministersoffice@health.gov.ie
 - minister@education.gov.ie
 - pressoffice@justice.ie
 - minister@equality.gov.ie
- 3) Please cc to TD's in your constituency: Find your TD's at www.contactyourtd.ie
- 4) Copy & paste the text below into the main body of the email. It can be edited if you wish. Please include your name at the bottom.

Dear Ministers and TD's,

As articulated in the "Gen Free: Free to be Kids" campaign launched in Greystones, Wicklow, we need the laws to protect children from harm in the physical world to be extended and applied to the digital world. This is the only way to effectively safeguard children and young adults under the age of 18 online.

Internet service providers must be held accountable and responsible for creating an online environment that is safe by default using robust age verification measures.

The evidence regarding the detrimental impact of unregulated access to the internet and social media on our children and young people is overwhelming. It is an evolving youth mental health crisis which is a societal challenge and requires leadership and political will to address.

We are delighted to see this addressed in the programme for government pg 65 on online safety.

Please confirm that you are prioritising delivering this as a matter of urgency to safeguard our children online.

Your sincerely,

(Your name here)