

To: Mr. Noel Dempsey, T.D.
Minister for Education and Science
Department of Education and Science
Marlborough Street
Dublin 1

From:

Dear Minister,

I am a parent of a child namedwho will be aged years and months on September 1st, 2004. It is according to my conscience and lawful preference that my child be educated in the inclusive ethos of an Educate Together school.

I have been informed that my child is unable to access such an education in a school at a reasonable distance from my home due to your Department's refusal to plan and provide for my child's educational needs.

Please will you indicate what steps you intend to take immediately to ensure that my rights under the Constitution (Article 42, Section 3, paragraph 1) are not violated and the Constitutional and Human rights of my child are protected. Please will you also indicate to me how I can meet my legal obligations under the Education Welfare Act (2000) in this situation.

I am sure that you will agree that, in the light of your responsibility to make arrangements for my child's education this September, it is reasonable for me to expect a reply in writing within the next fourteen days.

Yours sincerely,

Date: