



Guidance for working with under 18's on online or via social media platforms.

- Always obtain the written consent from parent/guardian and young person's ensuring they are aware of the media platform being used. (The consent form for online Ministry is on website)
- Never contact young person's directly, you should always go through the parent/guardian, using their email / mobile number etc.
- If a parent/guardian objects to use of, photos, videoing, live streaming, a way to manage this should be thought through and advice sought from the Director of Safeguarding if needed.
- If using WhatsApp to communicate with parent/guardian, ensure they agree to have their mobile number shared, as WhatsApp will display all the numbers in the group.

Diocesan Policies that might be useful.

*Social Media Policy

*Live streaming of Sacramental Ceremonies & letter for parent/guardian

*Zoom guidance.

*Online communication guidance

*Under 18's Consent form for Ministry online

All the above can be found at:

<https://cashel-emly.ie/safeguarding/forms-policies>

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