



**Food on the Edge
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**Mr. Richard Bruton T.D.,
Minister for Education and Skills,
Department of Education and Skills,
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Dear Minister Bruton,

I am writing to you as I wish to emphasise the importance of food and food education for children in Ireland. I believe it is essential that we have a food subject in our primary school curriculum to help children to understand where food comes from, and the important role it plays in our lives. Food is as important as Maths and English. We need a food subject that takes in Agriculture, Farming, Science, Geography, History and the Arts.

Food education can help to combat childhood obesity, poor eating habits and it can show a real connection to the land and sea, as well as emphasising the importance of Irish Food and Irish culture.

Please put a mandatory food subject on the primary curriculum in our schools, so that our children can learn the value of food in modern society.

Yours sincerely,

**Food on the Edge 2017 Participant
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