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**To:** WHITBY, John (MP)  
**Subject:** Invitation from John Whitby MP

Do you ever feel that it's a challenge bringing children up in a world surrounded by technology that's becoming more sophisticated by the day? Or wonder what they're watching online and whether it's age appropriate? Or wonder if the amount of time they spend on devices is damaging their physical and mental health?

If the answer's yes to any of those questions, you're not alone.

John Whitby, Member of Parliament for Derbyshire Dales, is hosting an event and would be delighted if you would join him, and his guest speakers, and be part of a conversation about **Protecting children in a digital world**.

The Government recently announced a consultation, which includes banning children under 16 from accessing social media, cracking down on addictive features designed to keep children hooked, and having proper, enforceable age checks online. Please come along and help shape that consultation and be part of a group of people that helps to change the law to keep our children safe in a digital world.

- Please could you circulate the invitation to parish council members, or local residents who you think would like to attend.
- You'll find all the details in the invitation, below, but please note that you'll need to RSVP to reserve your place and be sent an Entry Ticket.
- \*\* No admission will be made without an Entry Ticket \*\*

A graphic for a panel event. It features a portrait of John Whitby MP on the left. The background shows a blurred image of a woman looking at a smartphone. The text is overlaid on the image.

**You are invited to a panel event  
hosted by John Whitby MP**  
**Thursday 5th March 2026**

**'Protecting children in a digital world'**

Guest speakers: **John Whitby** - Member of Parliament for Derbyshire Dales  
**Esther Ghey** - Campaigner, Author & Public Speaker  
**Emma Mills** - Headteacher at Birchwood Community High School  
**Dr Laura Spells** - CAMHS Specialty Doctor  
**Dr Sanjiv Nichani** - Senior Consultant Paediatrician

Medway Centre, New Street, Bakewell, Derbyshire DE45 1DY  
Arrivals from 1:30pm - Panel event starts promptly at 2:00pm

Space is limited and entry tickets will be issued on a first come, first served basis. To reserve your space, please email your name and organisation to: [john.whitby.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:john.whitby.mp@parliament.uk)

**ENTRY TICKETS WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU WHEN YOUR SEAT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED**

Best wishes,  
Melanie

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