

## Weekly Update 26 March 2021



This week it feels like Spring has finally arrived, with daffodils and (some!) blue skies giving us all a much-needed boost. The clocks go forward this weekend, bringing lighter nights – it does feel like we are emerging from a particularly long and dark winter.

It has been lovely to see more of our young people back in school over the last couple of weeks. Thursday 1 April is the last day of one of the strangest terms we have ever had, and we look forward to something much more normal from 22 April, subject to confirmation by the First Minister.

### Immunisations

#### Teenage Booster Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio and Meningococcal ACWY – Immunisation

This year the Teenage Booster immunisation that is given to S3 pupils and pupils in S4/5/6/ who did not receive it in S3 has been postponed until next session.

#### HPV Immunisation

The HPV vaccine has been offered free to girls in secondary schools in Scotland since 2008. High uptake of the HPV vaccine has reduced levels of cancer-causing HPV in young women in Scotland by 90%.

HPV immunisations this session are taking place on Wednesday 28 April and Thursday 29 April. This will involve all pupils in S1 and S2 and S3 girls. It will also include girls in S4/5/6/ who have missed their first or second HPV jab. This is big undertaking for this year as last session the HPV immunisations had to be postponed due to lockdown.

We are sorry to let you know that NHS Community Vaccination Team are not able to use the forms that were completed last year. On Wednesday they issued us with new forms to be distributed. The completed forms need to be back with us by **Wednesday 31 March**. This is an incredibly tight time line and without all pupils in school is a challenge. We are therefore posting out the envelopes to you and would ask that when your child is in school next week that they return the form to **the box at the front entrance of the school** on their arrival. If you child is not in on or before Wednesday 31 March, we would appreciate it if you could arrange for the form to be dropped off at the school on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday next week – there will be a box in the foyer for dropping off forms.

For more information on HPV Vaccinations please visit [www.nhsinform.scot/hpv](http://www.nhsinform.scot/hpv)

Thank you in advance for your help with this, it is very much appreciated.

### Modern Languages Talking Assessments (N5/Higher/Advanced Higher French And Spanish)

Information has been sent out separately to young people in S4-6 studying French or Spanish regarding arrangements for talking assessments. This information has been shared via Teams as well. If there are any questions about this, please contact the Curriculum Leader for Modern Languages, Mr McCulloch, at [andrew.mcculloch@portobello.edin.sch.uk](mailto:andrew.mcculloch@portobello.edin.sch.uk).



## OPERATION PROUST – DISORDER IMPACTING LOTHIAN BUS SERVICES



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Keeping people safe  
**POILEAS ALBA**



**Lothian**

Lothian Buses provides a high quality service to thousands of people – many of them travelling out of necessity to get to vital jobs or to help care for others. Any disorder that impacts the safe and efficient operation of bus services is unacceptable.

Several areas of Edinburgh have experienced incidents resulting in serious disruption to services, including significant damage to buses resulting in service withdrawal and, in the most concerning cases, drivers have been injured.

**No one should face the risk or fear of serious disruption or injury when they go to work or when they use public transport.**

You can help us address this problem:

- Tell the police if you know someone who has targeted buses – help keep our city safe for everyone. Call 101 (999 in an emergency) or call CrimeStoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111
- If you have footage of anyone taking part in disorder, let the police see it – call 101 or email your local policing team via the Police Scotland website
- Help educate young people you know on the importance of our bus services, make sure they know the impact of actions – and have consequences for them too

Through Operation Proust, Police Scotland and Lothian Buses are working in partnership to keep our city safe and ensure every person who targets our buses is held to account for their actions.

**Scan the QR code or click the link to find more about the real-life impact of attacks on buses:**



<https://vimeo.com/522789290/24ca9d959f>

**CrimeStoppers.**  
**0800 555 111**  
100% anonymous. Always.

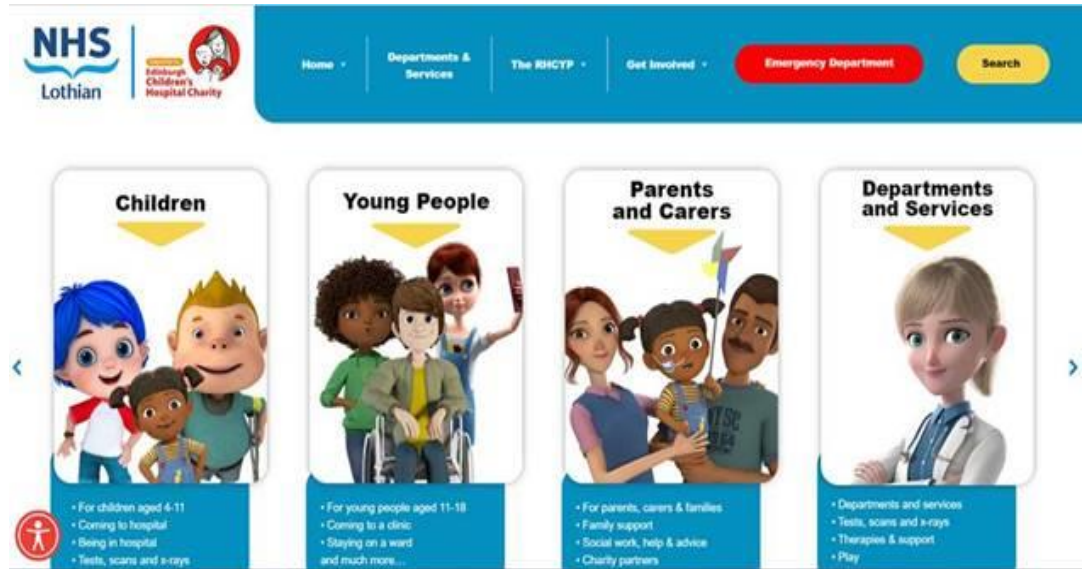


Edinburgh's Royal Hospital for Children

Edinburgh's Royal Hospital for Children and Young People opens tomorrow. All services previously at the Sick Kids, including the Emergency Department, are moving on Tuesday 23 March. From 8am on that day children needing emergency care should go to the new hospital located on the ERI site at Little France.

We are also excited to share the brand new, purpose-built website for NHS Lothian's Children's Services

[children.nhsllothian.scot](http://children.nhsllothian.scot)



## CDT

The S1s have been in school this week creating tealight holders working on their coping saw skills.



## FTT

Some more examples of food preparation skills, making jewelled cous cous:

