Statement from Education Minister

Commenting on the current situation in relation to the impact of COVID-19 on schools Education Minister Michelle McIlveen said: "Detailed discussions are ongoing between my Department and the Department of Health on measures to alleviate current pressures facing our schools as a result of COVID-19.

<u>Vaccine clinics announced for Balmoral</u> Show

The Health and Agriculture Ministers have jointly urged the farming and rural community to protect themselves from Covid-19 through vaccination.

Economy Minister announces approach to vocational qualifications and Essential Skills for 2021-22 academic year

Economy Minister Gordon Lyons has announced that vocational exams and assessments will go ahead this year and Essential Skills qualifications will also return to normal.

Operational Delivery Apprenticeship scheme launched

Finance Minister Conor Murphy has launched a new Operational Delivery Apprenticeship scheme for the Civil Service.

<u>Lyons announces latest FinTrU North</u> <u>West Assured Skills Academy</u>

Economy Minister Gordon Lyons today launched a new FinTrU North West Assured Skills Academy offering 20 high quality training places for people with degrees.