

## **Statement from the Education Minister on the transfer test**

Education Minister Peter Weir MLA has urged all stakeholders to try to work together to make it a reality that children can sit the transfer test in their own primary school setting.

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## **Latest Department of Health mythbuster on Covid-19 published**

In an ongoing series, we are setting the facts straight in relation to bogus claims made about this pandemic. The latest mythbuster sets out the major differences between Covid-19 and winter flu.

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## **£292.7m issued in Direct Payments**

More than 99% of farmers in Northern Ireland have received their full Direct Payment for 2020, Agriculture Minister Edwin Poots MLA has announced.

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## **Avian Influenza housing order to come into force**

New housing measures are to be introduced as part of the Avian Influenza Prevention Zone in Northern Ireland (NI) from 23 December, Agriculture Minister Edwin Poots MLA has announced.

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## **Dodds welcomes decision to extend furlough until April**

Economy Minister Diane Dodds today welcomed the decision by Chancellor Rishi Sunak to extend the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme by another month until the end of April 2021.