

19/06/2020, 10:27 - Messages and calls are end-to-end encrypted. No one outside of this chat, not even WhatsApp, can read or listen to them. Tap to learn more.
19/06/2020, 10:26 - John Swinney: I have just caught up with the latest insight into SPF thinking!
19/06/2020, 11:37 - Humza: Theyre a disgrace. Right through this pandemic they have shown an arrogance and retrograde thinking. Chief was livid last night.
26/06/2020, 16:58 - John Swinney: What more do we have to try to handle? With you. J
26/06/2020, 17:02 - Humza: Indeed. This would have been challenging at any time let alone at this time. We will rise to it though and show the leadership we have always done when people try to divide us
26/06/2020, 17:06 - John Swinney: Exactly what we need to do. J

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26/06/2020, 19:15 - Humza: Of course I will do
26/06/2020, 19:43 - Humza: PTT-20200626-WA0011.opus (file attached)
26/06/2020, 19:46 - John Swinney: Thanks for that. Will keep monitoring the traffic on this. J
03/07/2020, 11:07 - John Swinney: Well done on GMS. The fact that he moved off the air bridges issue so quick rather suggested we are not the ones with the difficulty on this one. J
03/07/2020, 11:52 - Humza: Thanks. Yes i am not convinced the public are desperate for us to make changes that could impact health for the sake of sangria on the costa del sol. That said a political bunfight (which they have been responsible for) doesnt look good for anyone. Hopeful we'll get to a decision today, just not convinced by an exemption for all the moderate risk countries.
07/07/2020, 00:10 - John Swinney: Humza. Got this tonight from: [NR] at the Archdiocese of [NR] - has has been in touch with me before. Just to add to all you have to think about. J

Hi John. Last message I promise. The FM said today she was waiting for updated figures to decide on quarantine-free countries. Italy has had just 8 victims in last 24 hours in a population of 60 million. Half of all regions now reporting zero new infections. Borders have been open to EU/UK since June 3. Italy is not a country of mass market tourism. People don't go there for the booze and the full English breakfast. It's not Benidorm. The Scots and Italians who use the air links will not cause trouble. Thanks for listening. And thanks for all you do to keep our country a place to be proud of in a sea of shameful chaos. [NR]
07/07/2020, 00:52 - Humza: Yes got the same msg..! Just responded to him. In truth Spain is the Country giving us concern. I think we'll come to a satisfactory outcome...i hope!
07/07/2020, 00:59 - John Swinney: All is tough just now. J
08/08/2020, 00:30 - Humza: John, been meaning to msg for a couple of days but [I&S]

[I&S]
I spoke to the Head Teachers in the High Schools in my constituency and I'll send you a note on their thoughts, but I just wanted to feedback that not a single one of them had anything negative to say about you - infact quite the opposite [I&S] mentionee your visit to St Pauls and unprompted from me spoke about the obvious passion you had for education and young ppl. A sentiment shared by [I&S] [I&S] the Head Teacher at [I&S] and the HT at [I&S]

I know it has been a tough few days, and there will be a tough few to come but you should know that your colleagues will rally round you. I know you only want the best for our nation's young people, so we will navigate a way through this.

Thanks again John.

06/09/2021, 23:20 - Humza: [redacted] I&S

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06/09/2021, 23:23 - John Swinney: [redacted] I&S

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06/09/2021, 23:24 - John Swinney: [redacted] I&S

06/09/2021, 23:26 - Humza: [redacted] I&S

Aye I'm fine. For all the lofty concerns and worries I may have i was brought back down to earth with a thud [redacted] I&S

06/09/2021, 23:32 - John Swinney: The good news is they pass!

06/09/2021, 23:36 - Humza: 🙌👏

08/09/2021, 13:13 - Humza: [redacted] I&S

08/09/2021, 13:42 - John Swinney: Always a challenge

08/09/2021, 13:49 - Humza: He was v polite in his challenge...ive offered to visit the practice and have a chat in more detail...

GPs are enjoying the pandemic life - seeing less patients and closing up at 430pm...

12/09/2021, 12:57 - Humza: As i think you predicted, UK Govt abandoned their plans for a certification scheme. Pretty shameful, all to do with appeasing their own MPs

12/09/2021, 12:59 - John Swinney: I have just texted [redacted] about it. We need to think through what to do as there are still quite a few tricky issues. It illustrates how unreliable they are on truly acting to stem the virus.

12/09/2021, 13:10 - Humza: We should have a chat - as you say tricky issues. But I wouldn't want us to abandon plans unless we think the UK Govts u-turn now makes our own scheme unviable

12/09/2021, 13:19 - John Swinney: I am more fixated on addressing the practical challenges. I worry about it not working effectively

12/09/2021, 13:22 - Humza: Agreed. We must have a solution to the cross border challenges in particular

12/09/2021, 13:22 - Humza: A really reckless decision by UK Govt given their cases have begun to rise. And i suspect they havent even seen the school surge yet

12/09/2021, 13:25 - John Swinney: I don't think they are bothered about rising cases. I think they want it to run through the population and use vaccine as a protection. Their casual attitude runs the risk of tipping over NHS

12/09/2021, 13:28 - Humza: Their NHS is facing the same pressures ours is but they get barely the tenth if scrutiny we do. Bizarre.

On the certification scheme, as you say let's just ensure our scheme is able to be implemented on the day it goes live.

12/09/2021, 13:31 - Humza: [redacted] I&S will keep an eye on my phone but be grateful if you could clear lines on covid certification?

12/09/2021, 13:32 - John Swinney: Will do. [redacted] I&S

12/09/2021, 13:35 - Humza: Many thanks

13/09/2021, 00:33 - John Swinney: Sorry to disturb you. I see you have GMS - I have Radio 4 and Sky. I did two bids today and generally took the following lines :

1. We are acting to suppress too high a level of virus and certification is one of a number of tools
2. Parliament has voted in principle for it so we will take forward constructive dialogue to implement it
3. It must be implemented practically and we will discuss all those issues with various affected sectors.

Hope that helps.