

Dear parent/carer

The Secondary Head Teachers have been reviewing the way in which their schools run Proms for our young people leaving school at the end of S6.

We believe that these events are valuable and mark the end of the young person's school career in a lovely way and we are committed to ensuring that these continue.

It is, however, important, for attendees safety and the Council's various statutory duties, that these events are organised and run in a way that adheres to the legal and health and safety requirements of school events.

In the past, most schools have tended to book external function suites where alcohol is served to those that are over 18. However, many of the young people attending these events are still 17 and this can present a management issue.

With all this in mind I write to inform you that moving forward all East Lothian Prom events which are organised and managed by school staff will be 'dry' events.

Schools will now work with their current S6 pupils to coordinate how best to proceed. We will be discussing views and opinions of all those involved and will work hard to ensure that these events reflect the suggestions of attendees, as far as our duties and legal and health and safety requirements allow. The option of external events will still very much be possible, however the option of hosting the event in school is also an option worth considering.

Although this is a slight change to the way we run our Proms in East Lothian, we are certain these events will continue to provide a wonderful celebration for our marvellous young people as they head off onto the next stage of their lives.

Yours sincerely

East Lothian Secondary Head Teachers