PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL: LEADER'S CORONAVIRUS UPDATE, THURSDAY, 30TH APRIL

Pembrokeshire County Council Leader, Councillor David Simpson, has provided a further coronavirus update for Thursday, 30th April, as follows:

'This is the last day of the month and I am sure you will all agree that April 2020 will be remembered for years to come.

'We have faced challenges together and we still have more to come. We are all in different houses, different locations and all have different roles to play.

'However, we are all in the same storm together and everyone is playing their part in dealing with this pandemic. Like any storm the time will come when things will settle down. We just need to be patient and be prepared to deal with what is ahead of us.

'I am encouraged in the way people have adapted to the changes during lockdown. I'm also aware that many families are balancing work and home-teaching. I want to thank every parent that is juggling home life, home-learning for their children and work.

'This is not easy especially while adhering to lockdown. What you are doing is ensuring your children are continuing to learn for the future of this county and country.

'This brings me onto our teaching staff. I know they have also had to adapt their teaching techniques while never losing sight of their fundamental role of looking after the education of our children.

'I am aware that teachers are ringing parents to ensure children are ok and encouraging both parents and children to use the online platforms set up.

'Teachers from across Pembrokeshire together with support from the Council have created: www.dysguarlein.com to support parents juggling working with online learning.

'A weekly set of high quality Welsh and English lessons from Nursery to Year 6 are available for parents to use. These materials complement the work being sent home by schools through hwb google classrooms and paper packs. The resources are proving very popular with parents and pupils alike.

'Collectively parents and teachers deserve a round of applause. They are ensuring our children's education is not jeopardised by the current situation. The youngsters of today will look back at this in years to come and thank you all for what you are all doing.

'Thank you for looking after our children.

'So tomorrow we start another month so please continue to believe that this storm will soon be over.

'As I have said all along, listen to the advice given. For now stay at home, and stay safe. When the time is right we can start to go back out, but not yet.

'Press releases issued since my last update yesterday are:

· Good Start To Free School Meal Payments: https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/good-start-to-free-school-meals-payments-but-more-still-to-do

·   'Free Money' Scam Warning: https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom/free-money-scam-warning

'Public Health Wales is updating and adding to their resources regularly. Please find all assets here: https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-resources/

'Also, please keep an eye on our newsroom at: https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/newsroom

'And to get daily email updates, log onto our website and sign into My Account at:

https://myaccount.pembrokeshire.gov.uk

'Don't risk catching or spreading the virus, why risk it? Remember: Stay Strong, Stay Safe and Stay at Home. Thank you.'

Useful links:

 www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/coronavirus

- www.sir-benfro.gov.uk/coronafeirws

- https://phw.nhs.wales/

- Iechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru - Coronafeirws Newydd (COVID-19) - Cyngor hunan-ynysu

- https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance