

FRIDAY 3rd APRIL 2020 - UPDATE

Emily George: Live schedule for next week!! (6th April)

Tuesday:

11-11:20 Tots and younger dancers

11:25-11:45 Gentle aerobics

3-3:20 Tap

Wednesday:

6:30-6:50 Zumba/dance class

Thursday:

10:45-11:10 Zumba/dance class

11:15-11:30 Technique class

11:30-11:45 Tots and younger dances

Friday:

10:45-11:05 Tap

11:10-11:30 gentle aerobics

Kirsty Williams AM:

Insurance: A number of businesses in the constituency have contacted me with regard to their claims for business interruption insurance being turned down.

Businesses have been told that COVID-19 is not on the list of diseases covered which is hardly surprising given that it is such a new virus.

I have raised this issue with the Financial Conduct Authority and would be pleased to hear from any businesses in my constituency who have had this experience at kirsty.williams@assembly.wales.

Business Loans: This morning The Treasury has confirmed that the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS) will be revamped to make it easier for firms to access loans. The changes to the scheme will mean more businesses are able to access financial support during the lockdown.

It may be worth businesses looking again at this option following these changes. Further information can be found here:

<https://www.british-business-bank.co.uk/ourpartners/coronavirus-business-interruption-loan-scheme-cbils-2/?fbclid=IwAR3fDadBuYTSyY3eiuC9wzhS4qvY4fhxvS8tNN6fdGCR2BucyiVnVniMXE8>

Powys County Council:

Update regarding free school meal allowance***

We are currently in the process of contacting all parents and carers of entitled free school meal pupils. This is to check that we have their contact details correct prior to issuing any vouchers or payments. We have a Tesco voucher scheme set up, which we know will not suit everyone. However we are also in the process of also setting up a Pay Point "cash out" scheme, where parents will receive a voucher via SMS or email which they will be able to cash at a local pay point store (for cash). If neither of these options are suitable, then parents will be able to contact the Income & Awards Team on 01597 826345 and request a payment to their bank accounts. Parents will receive £15.00 per week per child, this will include this week (30th March – 3rd April) and also over the Easter break period .then ongoing fortnightly. Voucher queries can be made on 01597 826660, although all parents will be contacted by our team. The Pay Point voucher scheme is taking a little longer to set

up and should be available within 1-2 weeks, but we are pushing to get this set up as quickly as possible. Our teams are working hard to get this arranged ASAP.

COVID19 | Business details needed for remaining grant payments 📣

This week we've been awarding millions of pounds worth of grants directly into the bank accounts of hundreds of local businesses. However, we are only able to pay out grants where we have bank details.

We already know which businesses are eligible for the grants, and if we already had your bank details, it's likely you've received your grant! There are a number of businesses whom we don't hold bank account details for, so we've written to each one of these businesses at the same address we send the business rates bill to, asking for bank details. When you get that letter, simply fill out your details and we'll take care of the rest.

Now for the important bit... We can only write to people at the address we send the business rates bill to, so if circumstances have changed or you need this information to be sent to a different address, please let us know by emailing revenues@powys.gov.uk

We do not want eligible businesses to miss out on this support and we are doing everything possible to ensure the funds get to the right people, and quickly.

Thanks to those of you who have provided bank details this week. We've been verifying these and we'll be paying out more grants on Monday.

If you have any concerns please call our new financial helpline on 01597 826345 between 9am - 4pm on weekdays.

This is a big task so thanks for your help and patience 👍

Recycling: Most people in Powys rinse their recycling already. But in these hygiene conscious times please help us keep clean & give your recycling a quick rinse / soak / dunk before you pop it in your box. This makes it much nicer for the lads picking it up & sorting it. Love your bin man, love your recycling, [#wash](#) & #squash #diolch