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Covid-19 Transport Changes Relevant to North Pembrokeshire

Bus Services

1. Richards Bros Changes

No changes have been made to the Richard Bros Covid-19 changes that were reported in the Forum's April News Briefing. For full details *visit* www.richardsbros.co.uk/Covid-19-Reduced-Timetables.

2. Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) Covid-19 School Transport

- Parents and carers encouraged to take children to school by walking or cycling, or by private car.
- School transport only to be provided to pupils who have no other alternative and to be booked with the school they attend.
- Pupils should NOT travel if they are: Experiencing coronavirus symptoms, Self-isolating as a result of coronavirus symptoms, Sharing a household with somebody with symptoms, Clinically extremely vulnerable or Shielding because of a medical condition.

Visit www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/children-and-schools-transition-to-the-new-normal/covid-19-school-transport-information for detailed instructions about using school transport.

Community Transport Services

1. Pembrokeshire County Council

PCC's community transport services help people and groups without access to transport or who don't have or can't use conventional public transport services. As nearly all of such passengers (and many volunteers and drivers) are vulnerable, we are following government advice and therefore most community transport services have been suspended (www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/social-services-transport/community-transport).

2. Pembrokeshire Association of Community Transport Organisations (PACTO)

No changes have been made to the community transport report that were reported in the Forum's April News Briefing report on Covid-19 transport changes. For these details *visit* www.pacto.org.uk.

Train Services

1. Transport for Wales Rail (TfWrail) Travel Advice (issued 22nd June)

Relevant to North Pembrokeshire:

- Current Welsh Government guidance is to Keep Wales Safe and travel only if your journey's essential.

- A reduced timetable is operating throughout the TfW rail network. From 18th May 2020 train times have changed and capacity increased to provide better social distancing on services. This will operate until further notice (<https://tfwrail.wales/covid-19/changes-train-times>).
- Key workers carrying official NHS photo identity cards travel free on TfW services until the 24th July 2020.
- Reduced service times are in place seven days a week.
- Train times may be subject to short notice change. The most up to date service information is available on <https://tfwrail.wales/covid-19>, the TfW Rail App <https://tfwrail.wales/app> and on digital information screens at stations.
- Please always check before travel.
- To buy tickets before your journey starts visit <https://tfwrail.wales/ticket-types/contactless-travel>.
- For information about how your local station is affected visit <https://tfwrail.wales/our-network/stations>.
- For those requiring extra help to travel visit <https://tfwrail.wales/before-your-journey/accessible-travel>.
- For more TfW rail information visit <https://tfwrail.wales/covid-19>.

2. Timetable changes – New Swansea Sunday Service

Information provided in an announcement from Katie Powis, TfW Mid & West Wales Stakeholder Manager:

- A significant new additional service to be introduced in the December 2020 Transport for Wales Rail timetable.
- A new service is to be introduced on a Sunday from Cardiff Central to Swansea leaving Cardiff Central at 08:04 and arriving in Swansea at 09:01.
- The service will run three Sundays out of four with one Sunday out of four running at the slightly later time of 08:27 from Cardiff Central.
- The service will call at Bridgend, Port Talbot, Neath and Swansea.
- The new service will allow passengers to travel to Swansea and the West at this earlier time all year round.
- It will also connect through to Fishguard at around 10:43 which will also enable a connection to the lunchtime time ferry, supporting weekend events in the city and wider tourism opportunities.

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