

Dear student,

I hope this email finds you safe and well.

Many of you will have seen social media activity over the past few days regarding our Students' Union desire to use the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) and furlough its student workers. I am sorry to say that some of the claims made are incorrect.

Your University is ensuring, as far as we are able, that no student is financially disadvantaged by the Covid-19 pandemic. Since the start of the pandemic, we have put in place significant financial assistance funds to which any student facing hardship can apply. For information on our financial assistance funds, please visit [our website](#).

In relation to our students who work at the SU's outlets, over a month ago we offered to cover the salary costs of all staff, including student staff, up to the amount that the SU felt that they could have legitimately claimed from the government's furlough scheme. We offered this because we want to safeguard the income of our students where we can. All student workers in the SU's outlets have been paid for March and April.

Please stay safe, and look after yourself and your loved ones. I will write with a further update on our work to reopen some student facilities on our campuses shortly.

Best wishes,

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