

Covid-19 – Week Eight Check In Survey: Response from the Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering – PGR

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Hello all,

Firstly I hope you are all well and able to get out and about now that lockdown 2.0 has ended.

As you are no doubt aware the University has an **extended closure period this year from 21/12/20 through to 4/1/21**, after many conversations through a variety of different virtual platforms we have been able to confirm what the arrangements over this period are if you wish to access your office space. Sorry this has taken while but I wanted to make sure that we had it right this time.

All students who are currently able to access offices (i.e. have been entered into the office rota system) will continue to be able to do so over this period. Your swipe card access should allow you to enter the relevant building and room. Please continue to observe all relevant covid related guidelines and the rota system that we have in place. For those of you who are not currently in the rota and therefore will not have access over this period, if you want to access your office then please let me know asap. Unfortunately the **heating will not be on** over the closure days, so make sure you wrap up warm!!!

We have now had the results and comments back from the wk8 check in survey, thank you to those of you who completed this, I am sure you are all a bit fed up with surveys by now. In this there were the expected comments about communication from the university, funding and extensions all of which are being continually discussed and I urge you to keep looking at the [Covid support page on the doctoral college website](#) for the latest information (I do not always find out about changes in a timely manner). Of note in the open comments was a lack of social interaction between students as a result of Covid and the negative impacts this has.

I have been in contact with the student engagement side of the doctoral college and asked for some appropriately socially distanced festive events to be arranged, they are investigating what is possible under the current Tier 2 government guidelines - so watch this space (but maybe don't hold your breath).

It was highlighted to me that some virtual social events are being run which may alleviate the boredom of a UK winter. I have copied the relevant section of the email containing the web links at the end of this message. The 'Snap your research' looks interesting and could be good practice for the similar UKRI competition that is usually run each year.

As always if you have anything you wish to discuss related to your studies then please get in touch. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome your new SSLC academic reps [Pooja](#) and [Taghried](#) who are able to raise issues at the faculty SSLC meetings.

kind regards

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