

Covid-19 – Week Eight Check In Survey: Response from the Department of Chemistry – PGR

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Subject: Week 8 feedback survey

Dear postgrads,

many thanks to those of you who completed the feedback surveys in weeks 4 and 8, and thanks also to everyone for respecting all of the social distancing measures in place in 1S and 5W. Although there have been a few cases of Covid-19 amongst the PhD cohort, the University is confident that the measures we have put in place are working and that there has been no transmission within the working environment.

I know that all of you are affected by the current restrictions on lab and office capacities and that many would like these restrictions to be relaxed. While we are sympathetic to this thinking, health and safety has to remain our key concern, and this does limit what we are able to do. However, we are continuing to liaise with the University H&S committee and keeping all restrictions under constant review.

In the surveys, a number of you commented on the poor communications from the Doctoral College ever since the first lockdown. I am told that these comments have been taken on board and, as a consequence, communications from the Doctoral College have improved over the past few weeks. I hope that is the case and trust some of you will tell me if not, so I can feed this back. As ever, if there is anything we can help with in the department, please contact either myself or Dr Jonathan Cox (j.p.l.cox@bath.ac.uk), the PGR Director of Studies.

All the best,

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