University of Bath operating levels

The wellbeing, safety and health of all members of our community is a fundamental priority for the University, and these considerations are at the core of our plans. This grid aims to give our students and staff an indication of the way the University will operate under each UK Government alert level. We understand that we've all experienced a great deal of uncertainty and change in the last few months. We are designing our plans to be as future-proof as possible, so we are agile enough to respond to any changes in government guidance, whilst enabling our students and staff to study and work in a supportive and welcoming environment.

Covid Alert Levels (UK Government)	Education	Research	Extra Curricular Activities	Support and services for staff and students	Accommodation, catering and retail	Campus buildings and travel	Working arrangements
Lockdown begins	All learning online, with live interactive sessions and independent study	Only essential activity related to Covid-19 continues	Online activity only Sports Training Village and arts centre closed	Student Services and SU advice delivered online/by phone Employee Assistance Programme for staff delivered online/by phone	Student accommodation open for those who need it, in line with government advice Take away food and campus shop open for essential services	Mostly closed, except essential services Minimal bus services, with social distancing measures	Most staff working from home/remotely Essential operational staff delivering services on campus e.g. security and catering
Strict social distancing (any 'local lockdowns' may be at this level)	All learning online, with live interactive sessions and independent study (there may be some exceptional cases)	Initiation and maintenance of such funded and critical research as can be sustained under strict social distancing, including associated PGR student activity	Online activity only Sports Training Village and arts centre closed (there may be exceptional cases e.g. some elite sports where government rules allow)	Student Services and SU advice delivered online/by phone. Employee Assistance Programme for staff delivered online/by phone	Student accommodation open for those who need it, in line with government advice Take away food and campus shop open for essential services	Mostly closed, except required services Bus services available but likely to be reduced service with social distancing measures	Most staff working from home/remotely Essential operational staff delivering services on campus e.g. security and catering
Gradual relaxation of restrictions	Blended learning a mixture of in-person, live online interactive learning and independent study. Continued remote study for those who need to shield	Funded and critical research areas active, including the return of associated PGR students	In line with government guidelines, socially distanced in-person activity with small gatherings and some reopening of sports activity	Student Services and SU advice delivered both in person and online/by phone Employee Assistance Programme for staff delivered online/by phone In-person support as required	Student accommodation open Some food and drink outlets available and campus shop open	Gradual reopening of some services e.g. Library service, print service Bus services available but with social distancing measures	Staff working on campus, including those in education and research. Those who are able to work at full capacity remotely to do so. Essential operational staff delivering services on campus e.g. security and catering
Minimal social distancing, enhanced government tracing	Blended learning a mixture of in-person, live online interactive learning and independent study Larger group sessions to resume when safe, following Covid-secure guidelines	Majority of research activities that require in-person access to facilities Some activity involving human participants in research allowed	Opening up of wider social activities, including sports and gym	Student Services and SU advice delivered both in person and online/by phone. Employee Assistance Programme for staff delivered both in person and online/by phone	Student accommodation open Food outlets available, may have special measures in place Campus shop open	Wider reopening of buildings on campus and in town. Bus services available, some social distancing measures still required	Some staff on campus, some working remotely
No social distancing, Covid-19 no longer present in UK	More in-person learning and teaching to resume, retaining the best features of online delivery	Research activities phased back to normal levels of activity	Full range of extra-curricular activity available, with no social distancing required	Student Services, SU advice and support to staff operating normally, with both online and in person options available	Accommodation, catering and retail outlets open as usual	Full range of University buildings open, bus routes return to normal levels with no social distancing	Most staff working on campus some days each week