

Dear Students,

You'll have seen today's national news reports regarding government proposals to both test students for Covid-19 (and then switch to online teaching) as we head towards Christmas.

We recognise these latest government changes are for the safety and health of you and your loved ones, but there is obviously a lot of detail that need to be worked through.

- Firstly, we're making every effort to ensure we continue offering a high-quality teaching experience, and are liaising with each department internally.
- Secondly, we are making plans for the voluntary testing of students in an organised and safe way.

As these requests have only recently been discussed with the university sector, we ask for your patience while we liaise with relevant government offices and health authorities to finalise our plans. We will be writing to you again to explain the next steps.

The University remains a safe place to learn and we thank you all for remaining vigilant and continuing to respect and follow safety guidelines.

Best,
Professor Jane Longmore, Vice-Chancellor