

Dear Postgraduate Researchers

You will be aware of the measures being taken by the university as we manage ourselves in this unfolding situation. We fully appreciate how difficult and unsettling this is for all of our students. The key is to remain safe, stay in regular contact with your supervisors and the Doctoral Academy through eDoc and email.

Your safety and wellbeing is our number one priority and we have taken steps to minimise the risk to our community by moving our learning support on-line and mobilising all but essential activity to be managed remotely.

Around 90% of our staff are now working from home and although we are maintaining our library service we are looking to minimise this provision in the next couple of days.

We have an on-going updated webpage which outlines guidance for staff and for students, as well as listing buildings that are closing so that we can properly resource those buildings remaining open.

In time we may have to close further buildings and I am aware that some of you will require limited access for specific research, this will be accommodated by exception when the time comes. From tomorrow, please note that access to LJMU buildings will be by LJMU card only.

We have compiled a list of FAQs to help answer the questions you might have at this time: <https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/about-us/information-on-coronavirus> and we have updated ethics advice for all postgrad students on our website here: <https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/ris/research-ethics-and-governance>.

Best wishes
Keith and Julie

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