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Dear Chadsians,

This evening, we should have been celebrating the final mega-formal of term - the Principal's Feast. It should have been an evening of celebration - great food, great friends, a touch of glamour and an opportunity for me to publicly thank Lucie and her wonderful exec team after their year of tireless service. It would have been Lucie's chance to thank them too - and maybe shed a modest tear or two. Instead - well, none of us could have expected anything like this. So this evening, Chad's feels empty and quiet and rather forlorn.

I hope most of you have reached the place you need to be. Those of you staying in Durham, I hope you have made your preparations with food and supplies in the event that you need to self isolate for a period of time. College will continue to operate, of course, but after Saturday, there will be a minimal staff presence in college and most staff will be working remotely.

Tomorrow, as well as the general update, I'll send an e-mail with information specifically for those who will still be resident in College or Trinity Hall or Hallgarth Street. For now do take a look at the **chad's-john's still here and back early facebook page**

**here:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/269255520311999/?ref=share> We hope this will be an effective way of staying in touch for those of you who are still in Durham - a kind of virtual community to offer mutual support and to reach out for help from fellow Chadsians.

### Student Support

- Staff are beginning to work from home so please continue to access Chad's student support on-line: [chads.support@durham.ac.uk](mailto:chads.support@durham.ac.uk). Our chaplain, David Rushton [chads.chaplain@durham.ac.uk](mailto:chads.chaplain@durham.ac.uk) and your college tutor will also be happy to offer on-line/distance support. Support from the University Counselling Service is still available on-line. Please check here: <https://www.dur.ac.uk/counselling.service/>
- Please let [chads.support@durham.ac.uk](mailto:chads.support@durham.ac.uk) know immediately if you are doing the following (even if you have already left Durham):
  - self-isolating (not tested);
  - self-isolating (tested awaiting results);
  - Confirmed case of Covid-19.
- Please do not use public spaces in colleges - libraries, common rooms etc are closed. We ask that only livers in on catered packages use the dining room (last meal Saturday breakfast) and that when you do, please use the hand gel and sit at least six feet away from anyone else. Feel free to take your meal to the Quad or your room (**but please ring your crockery and cutlery back afterwards**)
- To help protect our staff (as well as yourself) please keep visits to reception to a minimum and please try to keep 6 feet away from the member of staff on duty

Please do not make any unnecessary online orders for delivery to College. Reception coverage will be increasingly scaled back in and we cannot guarantee someone will be available to accept delivery.

- **If you are leaving College, please leave your key. If you have taken it with you, please send it back asap!**

**Usual general reminders:**

- **Latest health advice and information** and guidance here from Public Health England [dedicated web page](#), the NHS and the Government.
- *If you do feel unwell with a new continuous cough or a fever, you should stay at home for seven days and visit [111.nhs.uk](http://111.nhs.uk). Do not go to your GP or pharmacist.*
- *The University will provide daily updates via email and its website. Please do take the time to read the FAQs on the DU web page and if you have a question or comment that is not addressed within the FAQs, please email [coronavirus.information@durham.ac.uk](mailto:coronavirus.information@durham.ac.uk)*

Best wishes to you all. (And although I don't get to feast with all of you tonight, I do get to celebrate my daughter's birthday with her in person - she's just arrived home from university in London)

Until tomorrow,

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