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Dear Veterinary Nursing Student /Applicant

In consultation with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) we are incorporating some amendments and updates to the structure and content of the FdSc Veterinary Nursing Science.

Given the current uncertainties surrounding the Covid19 pandemic and the return to education, this is the ideal time to undertake this work and as a result the start of the academic year for FdSc Veterinary Nursing Science will commence in November 2020.

We are aware that a delay to the start of term will be a disappointment for some who are keen to get started on the next stage of education and a relief to others who have concerns about the safety of starting at a campus with large numbers of people present.

With the safety of our staff and student community at the foremost, the UCS campus will open with appropriate safety measures in place based on the latest UK government guidance on social distancing and relevant use of PPE at that time.

Our current students have told us that their main concerns are the importance of face-to-face contact with staff and peers for support, motivation and wellbeing, the access to practical facilities and resources and the desire to continue to study in a safe environment.

We believe that we can provide you with a high-quality degree experience with a deferred start date, and to do this we will:

- Increase the number of weekly contact hours for the remainder of the academic year to cover the weeks prior to that when you are not attending.
- Guarantee that pre-booked accommodation is still available for you with no charge for the period prior to you commencing your degree programme.
- Provide pre-study tasks and activities for you to work on in September and October in preparation for the start of the academic year.

If you wish to discuss this further or have any concerns about your programme of study please contact [emma.anscombe-skirrow@sparsholt.ac.uk](mailto:emma.anscombe-skirrow@sparsholt.ac.uk) in the first instance.

Please be assured of our best attention at all times. We remain committed to providing you with a rich and varied Higher Education experience at University Centre Sparsholt and look forward to welcoming you in the late autumn.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caroline James". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C' and a distinct 'J'.

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