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Dear Student

Further to the communication that I sent you on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December, we have received a letter from the Universities Minister (Michelle Donelan) with revised plans for the return of students to Higher Education. You can read the letter here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letter-from-michelle-donelan-to-higher-education-students>

As a result we must now amend our plans as follows;

1. There are no changes for FdSc Veterinary Nursing students.
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year FdSc Veterinary Nursing students can return to campus for face to face teaching from 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> year FdSc Veterinary Nursing students exams will be held w/c 11<sup>th</sup> January on campus.
2. All other degree programmes will be delivered online from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January following the timetable that your tutor has provided.
3. **Residential HE Students** (other than Veterinary Nursing) **will return to campus on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January, at the earliest** to allow for Covid testing prior to moving back into accommodation. Any student experiencing welfare issues who wishes to return to campus earlier should contact [Emma.Kennesion@sparsholt.ac.uk](mailto:Emma.Kennesion@sparsholt.ac.uk).
4. Burma Road accommodation remains open for students who wish to return prior to 24<sup>th</sup> January.
5. **Teaching and return to campus for all courses** (other than Veterinary Nursing) **will be week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> January, at the earliest** with Covid testing available for non-residential students on the first day of scheduled teaching.

I am sorry that we are having to issue revised information so soon after the previous communication but the Covid situation is constantly evolving and we are reliant on the guidance provided by the Government. We have been assured by the Minister that we will receive further guidance relating to the return to campus during the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> January. We will provide updates to you as soon as we receive them

We will continue to post relevant Coronavirus updates on our website to support any information that I share with you, along with FAQs to help answer questions you may have <https://www.sparsholt.ac.uk/coronavirus-latest-ucs/>

The impact of these changes and concerns relating to family and friends can be considerable. If you have concerns that you wish to discuss please contact the Wellbeing team who will be working full time from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January to support you [wellbeingteamsparsholt@sparsholt.ac.uk](mailto:wellbeingteamsparsholt@sparsholt.ac.uk) or go online to access the range of resources on the Sparsholt Student Services page on Ledge which you may find helpful.

Kind regards



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