## ALL NON-ESSENTIAL RETAIL TO OPEN FROM 15th JUNE

If you missed it, the Prime Minister announced yesterday that all OUTDOOR MARKETS AND CAR SHOWROOMS were able to open from 1st June, with all NON-ESSENTIAL RETAIL following on the 15th June.

Please make sure to read over and implement [government guidelines for Covid-Secure shops and branches.](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/shops-and-branches)

Financial support will remain available after we go back to work in the form of the furlough scheme continuing until the end of July, along with a more flexible scheme from August. Please get in touch if you are still struggling with cashflow even as businesses reopen.

## CORONAVIRUS STATUTORY SICK PAY REBATE SCHEME

From today, employers will be able to reclaim SSP on gov.uk for the following employees:

* Those self-isolating with coronavirus symptoms or if someone in their household had symptoms after 13th March 2020
* Those shielding after 16th April 2020

[You can calculate your employee’s SSP here.](https://www.gov.uk/calculate-statutory-sick-pay) And [you can CLAIM HERE.](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-back-statutory-sick-pay-paid-to-your-employees-due-to-coronavirus-covid-19#how-to-claim)

## CORONAVIRUS FUTURE FUND NOW AVAILABLE.

A new government loan scheme for UK companies that usually rely on equity investment but are pre-profit. Convertible loans between £125K and £5 million, subject to equal match funding from private investors.

You must have raised at least £250,000 in equity investment in the last five years.

[Apply here](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/future-fund#history)

# [Everyone in UK with symptoms now eligible for COVID-19 Tests.](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/everyone-in-the-united-kingdom-with-symptoms-now-eligible-for-coronavirus-tests)

Please let employees know.

CORONAVIRUS LARGE BUSINESS INTERRUPTION SCHEME

[Maximum loan size available has been increased from £50 million to £200 million](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/larger-businesses-to-benefit-from-loans-of-up-to-200-million). For large businesses who can borrow up to 25% of turnover.

FASTSTART COMPETITION

Extra £40 million added to £20 million Investment in Government FastStart Competition, which aims to reward businesses that have come up with innovative and research-based ways to strengthen industries with grants of up to £50,000. [Find out more here.](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/40m-boost-for-cutting-edge-start-ups?utm_source=444b3ffa-84fc-40d4-a177-c562372de315&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate)

# COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY GRANT FUNDING:

The government released new guidance for Local Authorities over the weekend, highlighting who can receive the new grant funding allocated to North Lincs Council among others. [Money can be given to businesses not eligible for other schemes but severely affected by coronavirus](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/887310/local-authority-discretionary-fund-la-guidance-v2.pdf), however it is up to the discretion of NLC. Feel free to get in touch with me if you are struggling for financial support and we can discuss your options.

# OTHER INDUSTRY UPDATES:

CARE HOMES: [Antibody tests are set to be made available to all NHS and care staff in England, starting next week.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-antibody-tests/coronavirus-covid-19-antibody-tests)

VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISES[: A list of available financial support for specialist organisations is here.](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/financial-support-for-voluntary-community-and-social-enterprise-vcse-organisations-to-respond-to-coronavirus-covid-19) For charities, the government has unlocked £150 million in extra money from dormant bank accounts, with money going straight into funds for charities which can be accessed through the [national lottery community fund here.](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/)

EMPLOYEES CURRENTLY WAIVING/RETURNING SALARY OR DIVIDENDS- Anyone who is giving up part of their income to help support their business at the moment, or is donating to charity, [the tax rules on this money is outlined here.](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/check-the-tax-rules-on-waiving-your-income-or-donating-to-charity)

NURSERIES[: I have wrote up a guide for parents on what they should do to prepare for reopening.](https://www.hollymumbycroft.org.uk/news/coronavirus-important-information-parents)

SHIPPING AND SEA PORTS: [Updated guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-shipping-and-sea-ports-guidance)

WASTE AND RECYCLING CENTRES: [Guidance.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-to-local-authorities-on-prioritising-waste-collections/managing-household-waste-and-recycling-centres-hwrcs-in-england-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic)

COMPANY EXPENSES: [How to treat expenses and benefits during COVID-19.](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-treat-certain-expenses-and-benefits-provided-to-employees-during-coronavirus-covid-19#employee-car-ownership-schemes-ecos) And [which expenses are taxable.](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-which-expenses-are-taxable-if-your-employee-works-from-home-due-to-coronavirus-covid-19)

WATER SUPPLIES: [Fact sheet on how to keep water supply safe after COVID-19 lockdown.](https://khub.net/documents/135939561/313204037/For+organisations+that+rely+on+a+safe+water+supply+to+undertake+business+activities.pdf/d11ba388-e7de-0d48-621a-8fc5fa95e18d?t=1589540040622)

[Nominate a hero in the Coronavirus fightback for a national honour.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-honours-nomination-form)

APPRENTICESHIPS: [New info on training and assessing apprentices in line with safer working guidelines, calculating wages for furloughed apprentices, off-the-job-training and now redundant apprentices.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-apprenticeship-programme-response/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-apprentices-employers-training-providers-end-point-assessment-organisations-and-external-quality-assurance-pro)

DOMESTIC SEAFOOD SUPPLY SCHEME: A new grant scheme for projects that increase the supply of local seafood into domestic markets. If you have a scheme to increase local consumption, that needs funding, [you can apply for up to £100,000 to spend by the end of the year.](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-seafood-supply-scheme-dsss-how-to-apply-for-project-funding)

URBAN CENTRES AND GREEN SPACES: [Newly-added guidance on face coverings and cleaning.](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/safer-public-places-urban-centres-and-green-spaces-covid-19/2-principles-for-safe-urban-centres-and-green-spaces)

Other News:

# NEW UK GLOBAL TARIFF

The government has unveiled the replacement for the EU’s Common External Tariff. Our new tariff will apply to all countries with whom we don’t have a preferential trade deal.

* It will cut all tariffs originally below 2%, such as those on fire extinguishers, school pencils and gardening tools.
* All tariffs are going to be rounded down, so they are simpler to use e.g. Reading glasses down from 2.9% to 2%.
* Zero tariffs on a wide range of tools used in UK Production eg. Spanners, wrenches.
* Zero tariffs on products that are hard to obtain in UK such as Pistachios and cooking oils, to lower costs.
* Maintaining tariffs for exports from developing countries in order to protect the income of the world’s poorest.
* Zero tariffs on renewable energy products.
* Tariffs retained on external meats to protect our homegrown produce.