

An important notice regarding furlough scheme:

We are aware that several churches have taken advantage of the furlough scheme, by which the government pays 80% of the salary for employees who might otherwise be made redundant due to the Corona virus crisis.

In the last couple of days the chancellor announced that this scheme will be continuing until at least October, with the government payment slowly tapering during this time, increasing contributions by employers. The other major change is that from 1st July furloughed employees will be able to work part time, with the government paying 80% of the salary of the normal hours that they do not work. **Please note** that the scheme will **close** to new entrants from **30 June**. From this point onwards, you will **only** be able to furlough employees that you have furloughed for a full three-week period prior to 30 June.

This means that the **final date** that you can furlough an employee for the first time will be **10 June** for the current three-week furlough period to be completed by 30 June.

If you want to discuss furloughing an employee please contact john.orrige@leccofe.org