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ROADMAP TO RESTARTING THE ECONOMY

Last night the Prime Minister set out a roadmap to restarting the economy and the measures included:

- A new Covid Alert System to track the virus in England.
- People being “actively encouraged” to go to work if they cannot work from home but avoiding public transport.
- From Wednesday, people in England can take "unlimited exercise", including sitting in local parks or driving to destinations for exercise.
- Children could, at the earliest, start to return to school from 1 June, with some years in primary schools returning first.
- Parts of the hospitality industry and more shops could open from July, dependent on continued progress in managing the virus.
- The Prime Minister also said he would “not hesitate to put on the brakes” if there are further outbreaks.

Further guidance was published at 2.00pm 11th May 2020 and can be found [here](#). BCSA will review the guidance over the next couple of days and circulate an AMM listing the main issues.

Working Safely

The government is expected to issue several ‘working safely’ guidance documents, later this week to support the Prime Minister’s roadmap. There are seven documents in total, covering the following different workplace environments:

1. Working outdoors
2. Hotels, bars, and restaurants
3. Factory, plant, warehouse
4. In vehicles
5. In other people’s homes
6. In shops and branches

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7. In offices and contact centres

Each of the documents includes guidance on who should go to work, social distancing, approaches for customers, visitors and contractors, cleaning and sanitation, PPE provision, workforce management, and inbound and outbound goods. The government have been clear that the guidance will evolve over time and many steelwork contractors have told BCSA that they have already implementing these sorts of measures and more.

Job Retention Scheme

Earlier today the CBI held a webinar and one of the issues discussed for the evolution of the Job Retention Scheme. The CBI suggested that the evolution should consider the following issues:

- Extend the JRS to allow partial/part-time working. News on this is expected in the next day or so,
- Extend the JRS to avoid a cliff edge. The CBI is pushing for an extension until the end of September and BCSA has asked for an extension to the end of the year,
- Tapering down the 80% funding from government. The tapering down may be linked to a commitment that requires the employer to retain the job/s once the restrictions have been lifted and to co-payments from the employer.

BCSA will continue to monitor the situation and provide members with further updates.

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