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Good Morning,

I write again following the Prime Minister's announcement of new measures to help control the spread of Coronavirus. This email contains guidance and local/national information that I hope will be useful, but as ever, please do not hesitate to contact me and my office if you need any help or assistance: elizabeth.truss.mp@parliament.uk

From midnight on the 5th November the country began a new [national lockdown](#).

The Government is constantly monitoring the spread of covid19 in our communities and will seek to ease restrictions according to the latest data and trends.

Personal Finance, Business and Self-Employment Support:

To continue to protect the financial well-being during this time, the Government has announced further support measures for both [individuals](#) and [business](#):

- An extension of the [Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme](#) further, until the end of March 2021.
- An increase to the [self-employed grant](#) up to 80 per cent of trading profits.
- Extend existing loan schemes to the end of January and an ability to top-up Bounce Back Loans.
- Cash grants of up to £3,000 per month for businesses which are closed in England.
- £1.1 billion for councils in England to further support businesses more broadly over the coming months.
- An extension to the mortgage payment holiday for homeowners.
- Providing councils in England with up to £500 million of funding to support the local healthcare response.
- Over £200 billion on VAT relief, business rate relief, loans, tax deferrals, and support for individuals.
- Additional funding of £2.7 million has been granted to Norfolk County Council, as part of the £170 million winter support package for vulnerable families.

Local Support and Norfolk County Council

All Norfolk MPs and local services are working closely together to help everyone. Norfolk County Council is taking the lead for Covid-19 response in Norfolk with relevant details, regular updates and key information on [accessing support](#) and information for [care providers](#). Schools will remain open during this period, but tips for educational [support at home](#) are also available:

- [Kings Lynn and West Norfolk](#) Coronavirus information page
- [Breckland Council](#) Coronavirus latest advice and updates
- <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/support-for-living-independently/money-and-benefits/norfolk-assistance-scheme> or for urgent enquiries ring 01603 223392 (option 5)”

NHS & getting tested for coronavirus (Covid-19)

Unless clinicians tell you otherwise, please continue to use the NHS, get scans, other tests and turn up for all appointments and to collect medicines.

Arranging a test via the national testing scheme:

Anyone with Covid-19 symptoms can now get a test. You can apply for a home test kit or arrange a visit to a regional drive-through test site (subject to availability) at the government's [coronavirus \(COVID-19\): getting tested website](#).

Essential workers

If you are an essential worker, you can apply for priority testing. You can do this through one of these websites:

- [Norfolk and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group](#)
- [GOV.UK](#)

Where you can find help and further information:

[The Federation of Small Business](#) has also provided a useful guide for self-employed people and small businesses.

[The New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership](#) is also providing support for local businesses, email growthhub@newanglia.co.uk or telephone 0300 333 6536 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

[Use this business support finder](#) to see what support is available for you and your business.

Best wishes,

Liz

