



Coronavirus

COVID-19

# Help for businesses to manage the impact of COVID-19

## Has your business been closed or seriously affected by the coronavirus?

- \* If you own a shop, restaurant, café, live music venue, hotel or other visitor accommodation, or a nursery on OFSTED's Early Years Register, you will not need to pay your business rates for the year 2020/21.
- \* The Government will pay up to 80% of the wages of employees that would otherwise have been laid off, through HMRC.
- \* You can reclaim up to 2 weeks Statutory Sick Pay for any employees who are unable to work as a result of the virus.
- \* If your property has a rateable value of less than £15,000 and you are in receipt of Small Business Rate Relief, Rural Rate Relief or tapered relief, you will also be eligible for a £10,000 cash grant.
- \* Businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors may be eligible for a grant of up to £25,000 to help cover business costs, dependent on the rateable value of your property.
- \* You can also apply for a loan of up to £5m backed by the Government, interest free for the first 12 months, via your bank.

Go to **[www.kirklees.gov.uk/coronavirusbusiness](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/coronavirusbusiness)** for further information on the support available and how to apply.

For business rate/grant enquiries contact the Council's Business Rates team by phone (**01484 414941**) or email **[business.rates@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:business.rates@kirklees.gov.uk)**

For all other enquiries contact the Council's Business Team at **[business.enquiries@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:business.enquiries@kirklees.gov.uk)**