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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Coronavirus business support finder tool

For information

The Government has [launched](#) a coronavirus business support finder tool to help organisations to access the support that they are eligible for during the coronavirus pandemic. The tool will ask organisations to fill out an online questionnaire, where they will then be directed to a list of all the financial support that they may be eligible for.

[Source: BEIS and HM Treasury, 20 April]

EMPLOYMENT

Furloughed workers to receive full parental leave entitlement

For information

The Government has [announced](#) that furloughed workers will receive their full parental leave entitlement, based on their usual earnings rather than a furloughed pay rate. Full earnings will apply to Maternity Pay, Paternity Pay, Shared Parental Pay, Parental Bereavement Pay and Adoption Pay.

[Source: DWP and BEIS, 24 April]

FAITH & SOCIETY

Protecting places of worship

For information **and possibly for action**

As a reminder, the Home Office's [consultation](#) on protecting places of worship closes on **10 May**. It appeared to us that the questions were aimed much more at individuals than at institutions and that it was not possible to draft a worthwhile response from CLAS; however, recipients of this circular may have anecdotal evidence which would be worth reporting.

[Source: Home Office, 15 March]

ODDS & ENDS

UK and EU Brexit negotiations

For information

The UK and EU have published the [terms of reference](#) on the UK-EU future relationship negotiations. The document notes that negotiations will alternate between London and Brussels and will take place over three, separate, full weeks of negotiating rounds on:

- w/c 20 April
- w/c 11 May
- w/c 1 June.

An accompanying [joint statement](#) was also published.

[Source: 10 Downing Street, 15 April]

PROPERTY & PLANNING

Application of Building Regulations during the pandemic

For information

MHCLG has [published](#) guidance for Building Control Bodies in England on the application of Building Regulations during the coronavirus outbreak. The document provides general guidance for operating during the current period of social distancing.

[Source: MHCLG, 21 April]