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Dear Students,

I last wrote to you on the [28th January](#) to outline additional changes to the Safety Net and provide information on additional support and access to facilities.

I also shared that remote delivery continues to apply for all but a select number of courses beyond February half term. We are actively following government guidance with regards to the return of all other courses, with specific attention to those we hope can return to in-person delivery in March.

I want to assure you that once a decision has been made by Government that providers can return to in person delivery we will work as speedily as we can to enable this for our students.

Hardship funding

I also want to update you on some additional, specific one-off funding received from the Office for Students (OfS), for students who may be experiencing financial hardship (including those on higher apprenticeships).

The funding is set up to help with:

- **Accommodation and living costs** – for students who are struggling to cover costs such as rent, mortgage, bills or household contributions
- **Technology** – for students who are experiencing difficulties accessing remote learning due to the availability of technology
- **Employment** – for students who have been working to supplement their income to support their education and have since lost their employment
- **Changes in existing financial support** – for students who, for example, are supported financially by a family member who has lost their job as a result of the pandemic or loss of another form of income

For more information and details on how to apply please visit our website: www.ucsd.ac.uk/student-life/funding-finance-and-bursaries/ucsd-hardship-fund/. You can also find links to housing and financial support from external agencies on our website [here](#), which may also be helpful during this time.

I am sure many of you will be looking forward to half term next week. We continue to wish you all the best at this difficult time and encourage you to take care of yourselves and look out for others as we move through the next few months.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us on 08000 213181 or email university@southdevon.ac.uk.

Best wishes,

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