

Extend Furlough

People all over the UK are worried about their future.

Too many people have already lost their jobs because of the Government's failure to plan

COVID cases are increasing, we're facing another lockdown, and businesses can't plan for the future when the government will only extend the furlough scheme for a month.

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Ed Davey's response to the new Lockdown

Yet again, Boris Johnson dithered, delayed and ignored expert advice.

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He was too slow in March and too slow again now, and his failure to lead has cost lives and jobs.

People across our country have sacrificed so much, waiting for Ministers to act and keep our families safe.

Instead, the Government asks even more despite failing to deliver an effective test, trace and isolate system. The priority must be keeping people safe and ensuring no one is left behind.

We need a real plan in place to protect jobs, businesses and the self-employed, not least an immediate u-turn on ending furlough. Unlike before, carers and care home residents must be properly looked after.

If there is to be any chance of a near normal Christmas for families and a recovery in the new year for businesses, we need a coherent plan now. That includes common guidelines agreed by the four governments of the UK and a **strategy for fixing the test, trace and isolate system.**

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BREAKING: Government follows Lib Dems' calls for UK-wide approach to festive season

Earlier this week, Liberal Democrat Leader Ed Davey [called on the four governments of the UK to work together](#) and agree on a set of unified guidelines that would work for families across the UK during the festive season.

We're glad to see that the UK leaders have listened to the Liberal Democrats' calls.

In a joint letter from Ed, Scottish Leader Willie Rennie, Welsh Leader Jane Dodds and Alliance Deputy Leader Stephen Farry MP, they warned that **“the interlinked nature of life in the United Kingdom means no one government can devise this guidance in isolation.”**

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UK leaders must work together to keep families safe at Christmas

Families across the UK have had an extremely difficult year being separated from their loved ones. **They deserve a Christmas that is as normal as possible.**

So far, Boris Johnson's government has been badly prepared and slow to act at every stage throughout the Covid-19 crisis. That can't happen again, especially for Christmas.

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