



The University of Surrey
Students' Union

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Dear Landlord,

As the vast majority of students have now been told to not return to their university accommodation until Mid-February, and while University teaching has moved online, many students will no longer be requiring accommodation for the dates spanning 4th January – Mid February.

The University of Surrey has recently announced that they will be offering a rent rebate for students who have not been able to access their accommodation covering the 4th January – start of Face to Face Teaching or when the student returns (whichever is earlier).

As such, and considering these extraordinary times, the University of Surrey Students Union are asking all private landlords, to offer students a rebate covering the time that the government has advised them not to return to their term time address.

The physical, psychological toll that the pandemic has had on our students is unfathomable. With many students now being told to shield once more, students losing family members and friends to this destructive illness, students losing jobs as many of them are under zero-hour contracts and with the movement to hybrid learning, they have had a huge amount to overcome this year.

There will be some students who, due to national and international travel restrictions or family safety, were unable to return home for this most recent lockdown. We would also encourage landlords to support these students as much as feasibly possible in light of their own personal restrictions meaning they were forced to stay in their University accommodation.

We are now calling on all landlords who have contracts with University of Surrey students to offer their residents similar assurances covering the window stated above.

Thank you for considering our request and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

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