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[name/address]

Dear [name]

**Re: Flexible Furlough**

This letter is to confirm that, as discussed and agreed with you, [your current position with [company name] is being “furloughed” effective [from date/immediately] and until further notice **OR** your current furlough terms are being amended [from date/immediately] to enable flexible furlough of your role going forward]. Furlough is a temporary period of leave to help us deal with the fact that [there is less work available for employees at this time **OR** due to your circumstances, you are entitled to be furloughed] due to the current COVID-19 situation. Flexible furlough is the situation where you work some but not all of your usual hours. [We are very grateful for your cooperation since this helps us greatly in our attempt to save as many jobs as possible during this very difficult time for everyone.]

You will remain employed during the furlough period and your usual contractual terms will apply, except as stated in this letter.

Your current usual hours are [insert details]. We have agreed that from [date], you will be paid full pay for any of your usual hours that you do work. We have also agreed that until further notice, you will not be required to work your usual hours, which will be amended as follows:

[EITHER:

You are required to work [insert required working pattern].

**OR**

You are required to work [NUMBER] hours a week. These hours will be organised according to a rota system covering [e.g. Monday to Sunday 6.00am – 10.00pm] which will be published [one week] in advance. Due to the nature of your duties, unsociable hours, weekends and bank holidays are considered to be normal hours of work and you will be required to work at these times.

**OR**

You are required to work [NUMBER] hours per week, at times to suit the needs of the business between the hours of [e.g. Monday to Saturday 8.00am to 6.00pm].

You are required to work flexibly and will at times be required to work unsociable hours including [evenings, nights, weekends, bank holidays]. We will notify you of what hours you are required to work by [insert means of how and when this will be communicated, e.g. by way of a rota].

You are entitled to an unpaid break of [NUMBER] minutes for every [how long] worked, to be taken at a time agreed with your manager.]

We may make further changes to your working pattern during the flexible furlough period, according to the needs of the business. We will write to you to confirm any significant variations to your hours of work or your working days.

You must not work beyond the hours you are instructed to as for these hours you will be furloughed. You must remain available for work during the times you are on furlough so that we can bring you back in immediately as the situation changes.

We will be applying to HMRC to claim funding to pay you furlough pay via its Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS). At the time of writing, the scheme is set to last until at least 31 October 2020.

Under the scheme, you will be entitled to full pay and benefits for any hours you do work. For the balance of your usual hours (which we will calculate following HMRC’s guidance in this regard), you will be furloughed. We will make a claim under the CJRS in respect of any hours not worked. If this application is accepted, you will receive furlough pay for these hours. The calculation is quite complex, but it broadly aims to pay you 80% of your pay, subject to a cap of £2,500 per month, which is prorated in respect of any flexible furlough.

HMRC has issued guidance on how much we can claim and pay to you for the hours that you do not work. We will be basing our claims on HMRC’s guidance in place at the time of making any claim. The payments under the CJRS will be subject to Income Tax, National Insurance and any other deductions from your wage. [OPTIONAL: If you would like further information about how this is calculated, please speak to [name]].

We will only pay you for any furloughed hours if we are able to claim this funding from HMRC. If for any reason we can’t do so, we will need to cease payments and recover any overpayment.

We will let you know if we experience any problems in accessing funding for you.

We shall attempt to keep this period of furlough, including any flexible furlough, as short as possible. We will regularly review the situation and will let you know when you can return to your usual working hours.

It is important that you keep us updated as to whether you have been advised to self-isolate or are ill since this may affect your entitlement to furlough pay.

For speed and efficiency (and to avoid unnecessary burden on the postal service), our intention is to communicate with all staff via the emails that they provide. If you do not have an email address or there are reasons why this is not a suitable form of communication for you, please let [who] know. We will only use alternative means of communication where it becomes necessary.

Finally, for our records and for the purposes of making the claim, it is necessary to record your agreement to the contents of this letter. Therefore, to ensure we are able to claim payments under the CJRS for you, please could you confirm your agreement by either replying to this letter by email with the below wording or signing a copy of this letter and returning it to [name] at [address].

If you have any queries during this period, please contact [who]. In particular, if there is anything in this letter with which you do not agree, please let us know immediately.

Your co-operation during this difficult period is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

I confirm that I have read and understood the terms of the letter dated [date of this letter]. I confirm that I [have agreed OR agree] to the temporary variation of my terms and conditions of employment to place me on furlough leave on [date] as described in the letter from the company dated [date of this letter].

NAME – [Insert name]

DATE – [Insert date]