

## COVID – 19

### ***Coronavirus – Reliefs and claims more updates***

Yet more changes have been announced by the Government today. As normal we haven't yet had the small print on these but we hope this will help you understand what you might be entitled to and we are here for you if you want more detailed advice.

### **FURLOUGH SCHEME EXTENDED**

Having spent some time working out the implications of the new "Job Support Scheme" (JSS), it now appears to have been scrapped and the current Flexible Furlough Scheme has been extended to the end of March next year, with a review in January of the % relief to be made available for the final months of the scheme. This means employees can be furloughed in whole or in part and the employers will receive funding for 80% of the hours not worked and will continue to pay for the hours worked at the proper rates plus the employer NI and pension contributions.

### **EMPLOYERS JOB RETENTION BONUS**

Please be aware that the extension of the Furlough Scheme means the Job Retention Bonus of £1,000 per employee due to be paid in February 2021 will **not** now be paid and has been put on hold whilst the Furlough Scheme continues.

### **SELF EMPLOYMENT INCOME SUPPORT SCHEME INCREASED**

The SEISS Grant has been increased back to the same level as the first Grant paid back in June at 80% of average profits for the 3 month period of your 2018/19 Income capped at £7,500 with all other terms remaining the same.

I hope this is helpful and we will be back in contact as more detail becomes available.