

# British Life Under Coronavirus Lockdown

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COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is a virus that is known to infect both animals and humans, and in humans cause respiratory illness that range from common colds to much more extreme and serious infections. The Coronavirus does not discriminate; it can affect anyone - the young, the old, the rich the poor. The source of the virus is so far known to be a 'wet market' in Wuhan, China, which sold both dead and live animals. At first, when the news of the Coronavirus erupted, I thought I was safe, knowing that the virus was so far away from the UK. I was wrong. It was spreading globally and it was costing thousands of people their lives. It continues to cost people their lives and with no cure, thousands will continue to die.

I did not seem to fully understand the seriousness of the situation until school closed down. Due to how rapidly it was spreading across the nation, the government were forced to close all schools down.

It had been 2 weeks since I was last in school.

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We have to study from home online. Due to this, it has been difficult to concentrate and I have often lost the motivation to study. This situation has been rather stressful, having to constantly meet deadlines to ensure all online work is completed. Most importantly, not being able to see my friends and loved ones has left me feeling more isolated than ever. The government have now placed strict lockdown measures upon us, meaning that we are only allowed to go out for essential shopping. We have been forced to stay in our homes. People have been panicking - buying essentials, causing shortages in supplies and long shopping queues. Apart from the essentials, we are restricted from leaving the house. No gatherings, no parties, no nothing.

Both my parents are essential workers, meaning that they have to leave the house for work, leaving them exposed to the dangers of catching the deadly virus. We are not allowed to meet up with family or friends in order to keep the virus under control. Anyone who contravenes with the new measures will be fined or even arrested. As the death rate continues to increase, I don't know what to expect anymore. I do not know when the next time I'll ever get to see my friends and family will be. The whole idea of social distancing has been rather difficult, due to the fact that as humans, we are very sociable by nature so having to change our way of life and practicing 'social distancing' is hard, especially on my mental health and wellbeing. Being stuck within my house makes me feel trapped and alone.

Despite this, I continue to try find hope and light within these dark days and this situation has brought me much closer to my family and friends. I believe that for every problem, there is a solution. I am certain that there is a solution to this virus and that a cure will be found. I know that we will be victorious and will soon be able to return to our normal lives again. I just hope that in the future, we can be more prepared.

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