Dear [insert landlord’s name]

I’m writing to ask, as one of your tenants, for your help and kindness during this difficult time.

The government’s support for tenants is delivered through Universal Credit, which students are not eligible for. Because of the nature of my employment, I am also ineligible for Statutory Sick Pay and the Government’s Job Retention Scheme.

In this unprecedented situation, I’m wondering if you would consider allowing me to end my tenancy agreement early. Did you know that you can apply for a [mortgage holiday](https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/articles/mortgage-payment-holidays) — a flexible period in repaying your mortgage — for up to three months? You could be an amazing person and pass the benefit on by releasing our leases early.

This is all part of a [wider campaign](https://www.theunionmmu.org/articles/open-letter-to-private-landlords), which the Vice-Chancellor of Manchester Metropolitan University — Malcolm Press, and other Vice-Chancellors from University of Manchester and Salford are backing. So far, Manchester Met halls, and the majority PBSAs (Private Purpose-Built Student Accommodation) have agreed and are allowing early releases.

As a broader community of students, we want to celebrate and thank all private landlords who decide to come on board and help us out during this difficult time. We won’t forget it!

Thank you so much and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,
NAME
Manchester Met student