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## News and events

### Latest staff news

#### Changes to some campus services today (Monday 25 March)

The University is operating mostly as normal today (Monday 25 March), when students occupying space in the Conference Centre are holding a "national demo".

The University's main concern is to ensure the safety and well being of the thousands of students, staff and visitors who are going about their normal business on campus.

University staff have been assessing the likely impact that the protest might have on the normal, safe operation of the campus and have been liaising with the Students' Union and the police.

The occupiers have still not undertaken any liaison with the University or police in relation to the protest. They have provided some information to the Students' Union. The police are providing protest liaison officers in addition to the community liaison officers who normally work on campus.

The University is planning that campus services, teaching and research should by and large be able to continue to run as normal, but has had to put contingency measures in place in relation to a number of buildings to ensure the health and safety and well being of students and staff.

#### Changes to services

- Restaurants and cafes in Bramber House will remain closed all day.
- The Co-operative store in Bramber House is also closed.
- Other University-run catering outlets on campus are currently closed.
- No teaching will be taking place in Bramber House today. Unless students are notified by staff of a change of location for teaching, students should assume that the teaching will be cancelled or rescheduled.
- The Housing Office is closed. (The 24-hour receptions at York House and Stanmer Court are open as usual.)
- The campus branch of Barclays Bank has decided to remain closed today.
- For services run by the Students' Union:
  - Falmer Bar is open until late, serving food and non-alcoholic drinks all day. It is not serving any alcohol before 5pm.
  - East Slope Bar is closed until 5pm, and then normal food and drink service until late.
  - All other Students' Union services are currently operating as normal. See the [Students' Union website](#) for more information.

If any other services are disrupted, campus users will be notified as necessary.

John Duffy, Registrar & Secretary, said: "The occupiers have invited people from outside the University to attend a demo and have done so without liaising with the University or with the local police.

"They have not talked to us about any of the practical arrangements which those organising any protest event in a public space would be expected for health and safety reasons to undertake, for example risk assessments, or stewarding plans.

"We are taking reasonable steps - in conjunction with the police and with the students' union - to maintain the safety and well being of our all students, staff and campus visitors."

"The University does not condone this activity, which is against the interests of our students, staff and visitors. We want any demonstration to pass off peacefully and with minimal disruption."

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