

David Barter Driving School update for 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

It's been a very trying and upsetting time for many of my customers and friends and anyone affected by the dreadful COVID-19 virus through family, friends or work then my heart goes out to all of you. I extend my greatest sympathies and condolences.

To any of you who have suffered financial hardship or loss of work, or employment, again, my thoughts and sympathies are with you and your family.

My driving school has been hit hard by the economic effects of the lock-down, but I am surviving and if not prospering, then holding my own. Thanks to BSM for awarding me the Key Worker status and granting me the honour of teaching critical workers whose employment is and has been so crucial in keeping the country running during the last 14 weeks of lockdown.

I am pleased to say the future is looking promising and owing to the staggering loyalty of my customers before all of these tragic circumstances evolved, my diary is looking very healthy and I look forward to a very busy summer ahead of us! Spaces are tight and are being snapped up as the pent-up demand materialises.

It appears as a steady march of massive demand, some people let things slip a bit perhaps and now want as many lessons as they can get. It's a delicate issue, but I have to be fair to the most regular customers in the period before lockdown and allow the most committed priority. I'm really sorry if your driving lessons are delayed due to this demand and I think you'll find all of my driving coach colleagues are doing the same. You will get your driving lessons; however, a wait of a few weeks may be necessary.

On a safety note regarding the virus and the latest guidance from the DVSA to reassure you, a thorough and complete risk assessment has been carried out for driving lessons and driving tests and anyone who wants to see a copy can ask me and I'll forward you a copy. Sanitizers, face masks and thorough vehicle interior and contact points cleaning are compulsory and I ensure this is done before every lesson.

Driving tests in England commence very soon in July and there are strict guidelines and controls for the driving test, accessible via [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

We've got a fantastic opportunity ahead of us to get through the driving test, to drive safely for life and to stay safe whilst we do it. Thank you all for your unswerving loyalty and I wish you and your families well.

David

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