**COVID-19: BACK TO BUSINESS**

**LOCKDOWN MEASURES**
- 41% of SMEs furloughed staff to safeguard their businesses
- 35% ceased operations entirely during lockdown

**BACK TO BUSINESS**
- 32% say social distancing measures have reduced capacity to take on new business
- 27% brought staff back from furlough following the easing of lockdown

**FINANCIAL CHALLENGES**
- £21,590 is the average amount of bad debt SMEs have each written off
- 56% say they will be unable to meet costs beyond 12 months if consumer confidence remains the same

**WELLBEING**
- 34% of SME owners say they have worked in some capacity every day since the start of lockdown
- 27% say they’ve found it difficult to maintain a healthy work-life balance

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