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The warning comes as the Government reduces the contribution it makes to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) from today.

Gary Smith, GMB General Secretary, said:

“Ending the furlough scheme too quickly could kill a recovery before it even starts.

“Ministers ‘open-mindedness’ over an extension to the job retention scheme needs to become a reality.

“Instead of driving us off a furlough cliff edge later this year, the Government should provide continued support for employers that need it – especially in those sectors that have been hammered by the pandemic.

“Our recovery is a process, not an event. Ministers are seriously misguided if they think we can suddenly revert to business as usual.”

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