

[Boris Johnson](#) has promised a “guaranteed” apprenticeship for young people whose job prospects have been damaged by the [coronavirus](#) pandemic as he acknowledged the UK is heading for recession.

The prime minister predicted that there will be “many, many” job losses as an “inevitable” result of the outbreak and the [lockdown](#) restrictions which have brought much of the economy to a halt over the past two and a half months.

Speaking at the daily Downing Street coronavirus briefing, he promised that ministers would take an “interventionist” approach to supporting jobs “as the months go by and the effect of this recession starts to bite”...

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