

3rd June 2020

Dear Learners, Parents / Carers,

WIDER RE-OPENING OF LDE UTC

We hope that you and your family are continuing to stay safe and well during this time. On 10th May 2020 the Government began to outline its tentative plans for schools to begin to welcome back students in phases. On Friday 22nd May, I sent out a proposed provisional plan which may now change in light of the Government's new guidance released on 24th May and the results of the parent and staff surveys that are being issued today. Parents in Newham will have also received a communication from the Mayor of Newham on the 28th May sharing her concerns regarding the opening of schools more widely.

In order to comply with government guidance, we are now finalising our plans with regards to how we can return safely. As you hopefully understand, our priority is to ensure that both staff and learners are safe whilst at College. Part of this obligation means that we need to be confident that our staff to learner ratio is at a safe level and that we can deliver what is being asked of us. We are also ensuring that we have detailed Risk Assessments which we will be sharing with the College's Board of Directors on Thursday 11 June. These will be made available for you to look at prior to the learners' returning.

We would like to ask all our parents / carers some questions that will help further inform our planning. We are therefore asking you to complete a survey and would appreciate your full attention and feedback.

Please answer all questions in the survey and complete this by 1pm on Friday 5th June 2020.

The data gathered in this survey will be treated in confidence and will be used to inform staffing plans for the future re-opening of the College and help put in place the appropriate support measures for our learners on their return to College.

We appreciate that some of you will have already provided some of this information before and that the information we are requesting is detailed. However, this is necessary to inform our risk assessments, and to support our learners on their return.

Please [click here](#) to access the survey.

If you have any queries, concerns or are unsure about how to answer a question please contact your child's Head of Year, but in the meantime, please stay safe and well and we look forward to seeing you all before too long.

Yours sincerely,



Geoffrey Fowler

Principal & CEO