

Dear Parent / Carer,

COVID-19

As you will no doubt be aware the Prime Minister announced this evening that all schools in England are to close at the end of the school day on Friday 20 March until further notice. As per the government's advice therefore we will be closing the College to most learners as of 1:30pm this Friday (20 March 2020). Once the College is closed, we will be arranging a provision from Monday 23 March 2020 for looking after our learners who are vulnerable, or children of key workers. We will be contacting parents of our vulnerable learners to provide further details, and we will send out a survey asking all parents if they are key workers, and if so whether they would like to make use of this provision. It is important to note however that no learners, other than those confirmed as vulnerable or key workers' children, will be allowed on-site, and no teaching will be taking place on-site.

Another critical announcement that was made today was that the usual summer exams will not be taking place this year. Boris Johnson has said the government will make sure learners' progress is not impeded by this cancellation, and that learners will get their qualifications, but at this stage we do not have any further details. This means that all learners should continue to work on their studies as per LDE UTC's guidelines and that Year 11s, Year 12 level 2 and Year 13s please ignore the recent exams entry statement letter that was sent out this week.

We realise that this is a very difficult time for all of you and your families. To support our learners in organising their day, particularly when it is likely that there will be restrictions on movement outside of the home, we have produced a Learner working from home timetable. You can access this timetable by [clicking here](#) or via our website and attached to this email. This information will support your child's wellbeing as they will be able to follow a similar routine as that at college. We would like to insist that every learner accesses their college email from home several times a day to enable them to keep up to date with their learning and advice from the government. If your child is experiencing issues accessing their email please ask them to either email, from another email address, or call the college to speak to our IT team itteam@ldeutc.co.uk

We are looking into how we can support learners who are eligible for free school meals and will contact those parents/carers within the next few days.

Thank you for your continued support and please ensure you take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

Regards,



Geoffrey Fowler,
Principal