

Dear Learners, Apprentices, Parents / Carers, Employers and Staff

COVID-19 update of our plan

I would like to thank all of our learners and staff for the incredibly smooth start to the new academic year despite all the challenges that are facing us. I am so proud of our college community in the way they are observing our Covid plan and keeping safe. Having staggered starts and ends of the college day, the one-way system, extensive PPE barriers, enhanced cleaning, split breaks and lunches for every year group bubble, live broadcasted lessons to list but a few amount to big change, change that is needed to protect us all. I am pleased to report that our learners and staff have embraced this change with pride and passion to ensure the highest levels of safety are observed for all of us.

Staff and learners who joined us back in June for on-site learning will now have had these systems in place for 3+ months and will be finding it easier than those who are joining us now. We will continue to support our community in reminding the details of the plan where needed.

I am pleased to report that we opened on time and have had all year groups in attendance. Our current percentage attendance is Yr9 97.5%, Yr10 93%, Yr11 94.1%, Yr12 92% Yr13 93.7%. Learners and staff seem happy to be back at college and are making lots of positive comments. To ensure this is the case we have issued a first week back survey with this updated plan to all learners, parents/carers and staff which can be accessed by [clicking here](#). This survey will provide a true picture allowing us to develop where needed and highlight good practice. We would like your feedback by Friday 18th September 2020 via the link within the plan.

We will update the plan regularly ensuring we continue to meet Government, Public Health England and Local Authority guidance and using the feedback from our surveys.

You can find our first updated version 1.1 of our re-opening plan on our website or by [clicking here](#). This plan has minor updates, which we have summarised for you on the first page of this plan in our Version Control Table. This means if you have already read the plan and understand it well you only need to look at the updated pages of this plan. If this is your first time reading this plan or if you need to re familiarise yourself with the plan, we recommend you take time and read it carefully. It is paramount that we all stick to the plan to ensure we can all keep as safe as possible.

Thank you for your support and contributions.

Keep safe



Geoffrey Fowler
CEO & Principal