

Dear Stakeholders (Learners, Parents/Carers, Apprentices, Employers, Staff and Directors)

Last night the Prime Minister announced a national lockdown and instructed people to stay at home to control the virus, protect the NHS and save lives. From today, people will only be allowed to leave their homes for the following reasons, to:

- shop for basic necessities, for you or a vulnerable person;
- go to work, or provide voluntary or charitable services, if you cannot reasonably do so from home;
- exercise with your household (or support bubble) or one other person, this should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area;
- meet your support bubble or childcare bubble where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one.
- seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse).
- attend education or childcare - for those eligible.

What does this mean for LDE UTC from today Tuesday 5th January and until further notice?

- LDE UTC will be closed to the majority of learners, apprentices and staff
- LDE UTC will be open for vulnerable learners and learners whose parents are key workers
- All lessons are being delivered live online. We expect all learners to attend every lesson and work hard to maintain their progress.
- Learners who are taking external exams this year will receive another letter today regarding their next steps, which includes some learners sitting exams next week.

How can LDE UTC support you?

- Every learner and member of staff will receive weekly wellbeing calls from either your Head of Year or your line manager
- Learners in need of digital devices or support have already been provided with laptops. If you have missed this opportunity and want to be considered for extra support, please speak to your Head of Year and ask for support.
- Learners who have free school meals will continue to receive vouchers until further notice
- All learners are encouraged to take part in the many opportunities available via the [Opportunities Padlet](#)
- LDE UTC will aim to provide the appropriate level of communication to ensure stability and consistency where possible. All Covid-19 correspondence can be found on our website [here](#).

An understanding

We can all only try to do our best during these challenging and difficult times. And therefore if; the dog barks, the baby cries, the internet crashes we should, laugh where possible and try again, resilience and determination are key skills that employers desire. Whilst we recognise the situation, we are in is not one any of us would want to be in, I am incredibly proud of our staff at LDE UTC who are and have been all through this pandemic, able to deliver high quality live lessons online. Should any of you have suggestions for further improvement please do let me know via email.

Please keep safe.



Geoffrey Fowler
Principal & CEO