

26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Prime Minister announced the roadmap to the reopening of education settings. We are confident that in-person teaching, learning and assessment can be delivered in a safe environment and we are following all government guidance to ensure our campuses meet requirements every step of the way.

As a result of the announcement, we are delighted to welcome all full-time students back to campus to access their study programmes from March 8<sup>th</sup>. We continue to work through the detail of this return and individual return dates will be shared with students at a course level by their tutor during online lessons in the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> March.

- For students classed as clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV), they will need to continue with remote learning for the time being - we will be in contact directly over the next couple of weeks to confirm how and when they can return to face-to-face learning. This is likely to be after the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, as per government guidance.
- The Department for Education has confirmed that all other students should return as normal and as such we will expect them attend 100% of their agreed timetable, whether this is in College or online. Currently we anticipate students will return to College for up to two days per week, with some elements of their course remaining online.
- For other areas included in their study programme such as work experience and enrichment activities, we will continue to follow government guidance as to when these can be safely completed.

On return, we will ask all students to take part in the onsite testing programme to help break the Covid-19 chain of transmission and identify asymptomatic cases, i.e. people who have Covid-19, but do not have any symptoms. When this initial phase of onsite testing is complete, we will ask students to test themselves at home up to twice a week. If this is likely to be challenging for your individual circumstances, students can contact their Employability Coach.

We will require consent forms to be completed for students who wish to be tested. Consent forms can be found and completed here:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=JjyPPym580-nQUQJKG6wb7CgXkQDUzROu\\_Ws3UvlgMxUM0xCNFA1WjcxVFpMOEpDMVJSUDQwNEtSTy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=JjyPPym580-nQUQJKG6wb7CgXkQDUzROu_Ws3UvlgMxUM0xCNFA1WjcxVFpMOEpDMVJSUDQwNEtSTy4u)

As in all previous guidance, it is vital that whilst onsite students maintain all Covid-safe measures such as hands, face, space.

Students must not come into College if:

- they have one or more coronavirus (Covid-19) symptoms
- a member of their household has coronavirus (Covid-19) symptoms
- they have had a positive test

For a limited time (most likely up to the Easter break) **the use of face coverings is now required in all indoor environments at College.** Students and staff will be expected to wear face coverings when moving around the premises, in corridors, communal areas and in classrooms or workshops. Please make sure students bring their own face covering to wear indoors. If they are exempt from wearing a mask, they can either wear one of the sunflower lanyards or request an exemption badge from reception; any non-compliance will be challenged and disciplinary sanctions will be used.

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You can find more information on NWSLC's approach to our students' return on our website at:

<https://www.nwslc.ac.uk/coronavirus-faq/>

A copy of the NWSLC Covid-19 Risk Assessment can be located on the College website:

<https://www.nwslc.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/NWSLC-Covid-19-Risk-Assessment.pdf>

We very much look forward to welcoming our students back to College soon.

Best regards



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