

26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Student

I know this continues to be a very challenging time for many of you as you continue your studies during a global pandemic. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you the way you have calmly and sensibly adapted to the new rules and practices within the College and online.

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 you back to campus to access your study programmes from the 8<sup>th</sup> of March. We continue to work through the detail of this return and **your individual return dates will be shared with you at a course level by your tutor** during your online lessons in the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> March.

- For students that are classed as clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV), you will need to continue with remote learning for the time being - we will be in contact with you directly over the next couple of weeks to confirm how and when you can return to face-to-face learning. This is likely to be after the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, as per the government guidance
- The Department for Education has confirmed that all other students should return as normal and as such we will expect you to attend 100% of your 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.
- Upon return, your attendance at these sessions is crucial to your success on this year's study programme.
- For other areas included in your study programme, such as work experience and enrichment activities, we will continue to follow government guidance as to when these can be safely completed. Rest assured, that we will work hard to give you the best possible experience and access to opportunities when it is safe to do so.

On your return, we will ask you 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 you to test yourself at home up to twice a week. If you do not feel confident in taking the test at home, please speak directly to your 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 you maintain all Covid-safe measures such as hands, face, space.

You must not come into College if:

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

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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 you bring your own face covering to wear indoors. If you are exempt from wearing a mask, please 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.

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 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 you back to College soon.

Best regards



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