

**COVID-19 Secure Environment:**

## **Student - Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What safety arrangements have been put into place at college?**

Your wellbeing and safety are of paramount importance to us. When you start at college, our campuses will have several, obvious safety measures in place – detailed below – in line with the latest government advice and guidelines.

Student orientation for full time students (aged 16-18) will take place w/c Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 in preparation for classes beginning on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Up to October half term 2020, classes will be split into two smaller groups, with lessons alternating one week learning in college and one-week learning online. This meets the requirement for socially distant learning and prioritises student and staff safety. We are also making arrangements for the loan of laptops etc. for those unable to access online learning at home.

### **What arrangements will be in place around campus to ensure social distancing?**

Where possible, keep left in corridors and staircases. Some staircases at Warrington will be designated as one way - either upwards or downwards - to enhance safe movement and social distancing (blocks A, B, C, D, E and G). Lifts should only be used in exceptional circumstances and only single person use is permitted (unless an individual requires additional assistance). Social distancing is required by students at all times. A respectful approach to health and safety arrangements is expected at all times, in line with our college values.

### **What arrangements will be in place around campus to ensure good hygiene?**

Regular hand washing and use of hand sanitiser are key to controlling the virus. Hand-sanitising stations will be provided at entrances and key points throughout campuses.

### **What will happen if I don't follow the social distancing and hygiene rules?**

If students do not adhere to the safety rules in place, they may face disciplinary proceedings.

Safety rules and expectations will be covered in detail during your college induction.

### **What arrangements will be in place in classrooms?**

Tutors will be provided with a 2-metre highlighted boundary at the front of all classrooms. Half of the student group will be in class at any one time, with the layout of classrooms adapted and furniture removed in order to increase the distance between students. The layout of classrooms must not be changed. There will be a maximum capacity for each classroom/workshop, which will be displayed by signs on doors. Doors and windows should be opened where possible to improve ventilation.

### **What are the arrangements for fire evacuation?**

In the event of a fire evacuation, all students should make their way to the nearest exit via the shortest route, in a timely manner and in line with the college's [Fire Safety Procedure](#). Students should maintain social distance at the relevant Fire Assembly Point and await further instructions.

### **Will food be available in the Crescent and Atrium?**

A limited lunch menu will be provided in the Crescent (Warrington campus) and Atrium (Winsford campus) with a socially distanced queuing system in place. Seating will be arranged in line with government guidelines. The use of [Wisepay](#) will be encouraged.

The shop will be closed at Warrington. Cash loaders and vending machines will be available and regularly cleaned.

Free breakfasts will be available for collection by eligible students in the Crescent/Atrium or at designated points across college to be advised.

### **What are the college parking arrangements?**

There are no changes to the parking arrangements on campuses. However, when parking please be mindful to maintain social distancing with those arriving or leaving at the same time.

### **What if I will be using public transport to attend college?**

If you will be using public transport to get to college, please follow government guidelines on the use of face coverings and social distancing.

### **What are the arrangements in the Learning Resource Centres (LRC's)?**

We have removed a large selection of underutilised books at both of our campuses. This space has allowed for the movement of computers around the LRCs to maximise the ensure number that are available for students. Laptops will be allocated for longer term loans to support online learning

### **What happens if I become unwell with coronavirus symptoms at college?**

If you become unwell with a new, continuous cough, high temperature or loss of, or change in normal sense of taste or smell, you will be sent home immediately and advised to get a test. A Covid-19 Reporting Form will be completed by a member of staff and returned to the college's Health & Safety Officer.

### **What will happen if we have a positive case of Covid-19 at college?**

We will work with Warrington Borough Council and Public Health England in line with their [Outbreak Control Plans](#).

### **What will happen if someone displays Covid-19 symptoms?**

Please find Covid-19 symptoms reporting processes for students in Appendix One.

This includes the requirement for you to order a [Coronavirus Test](#) and comply with the NHS Test and Trace process and self-isolating periods, as appropriate. A similar process will be in place for staff.

**Appendix One: Covid-19 Absence Reporting – STUDENTS**

