



ATTN: Students of Higher Education, New College Swindon. 06-11-20

This email is to provide you with information about the current position of the College, with regard to the HE provision at the college here in Swindon, in accordance with the guidance from the Office for Students.

Those of you who are students studying with us on a course franchised with our university partners, will have received email bulletins to update on the approach of that University at this time, and so we are writing to explain the approach the College is taking for our Higher Education provision in line with the Government's [latest guidance](#), and taking into account that as a College without student accommodation, we are operating in a different context to the University sector.

We would encourage you where possible to attend all planned sessions, and to observe the hygiene and social distancing practices put in place for your safety and the safety of others. We believe this gives you the best possible opportunity to be successful. However, we will review and revise this should we have any outbreaks or change in advice from the local Public Health Team.

We hope that by attending as much as possible in this first Semester of the year, you will have benefitted from the face to face teaching, learning and feedback of your lecturers, and valuable in person interaction with your peer group. Should we encounter further lockdown measures in the New Year, this first Semester will have helped to give you the foundations for you to continue with your learning and development through live streaming, and on-line means of teaching and support, should the situation change.

We also understand that many of you are practitioners working in Health, Care and Educational settings which may place particular restrictions on your movements during this time. You may also receive advice from your employers with regard to your attendance in College. In these circumstances please contact your Programme Leader to discuss any concerns. It may be prudent to work on-line during this lockdown period in some circumstances, and we would support you to do this, and to keep you on track with your studies.

As always, if you or a member of your household are symptomatic, please don't come to college but isolate as per government guidance, and inform your Programme Leader. Once you have completed your isolation, and are well, and/or have a negative test you may return to campus.

There are resources to support your mental health and wellbeing available through the platform [Student Space](#) including email, text and phone support. Please continue to access all avenues of support during this time and stay in touch with your tutors and peers.

We hope you stay safe, well, and positive during this challenging time.

Best Wishes,

Higher Education at New College Swindon.