



Tameside College

16th September 2020

Dear students and parents or carers,

Rates of covid-19 in Tameside and surrounding areas are high now. Some of our staff members at the Beaufort Road site of Tameside College have tested positive for covid-19. This occurred prior to the start of term and no students have been affected. We are working closely with Tameside Council and with Public Health England, and are taking steps to reduce any risk. These steps include telling any contacts of those cases, including staff in departments where we have had cases, to work from home for 14 days. We have also deep cleaned any areas where staff who have tested positive have been working. We are monitoring the situation very closely.

These measures might change the way your lessons are delivered. For example, **we have taken the decision to deliver all construction courses remotely for 2 weeks until September 30th**. If you do not have access to IT kit at home to access your lessons, you can attend college to use the IT equipment on site. Please book in for this via email to learninghubs@tameside.ac.uk Or by telephone - 0161 908 6662 (Tameside College, Beaufort Road site)

Any construction students who cannot get on line should contact constructionlogin@tameside.ac.uk

In response to the COVID situation, we have planned for a range of scenarios for flexible curriculum delivery to enable the college to be ready for all circumstances. We will follow scenario A in September given the national guidance:

Scenario A: Bubbles

All students return to a full on site delivery model for which they will be allocated to student bubbles based on curriculum areas.

Should circumstances require change we also have plans ready for;

Scenario B: Blended learning

Combination of onsite face to face and digital learning and delivery so that fewer students would be required on site. To enable all students to participate in digital learning we will provide access to bookable digital learning spaces. (This is now in force for all construction courses until September 30th).

Or Scenario C:

Students who are unable to attend due to local lockdown or illness will have access to online & resource based learning for their full programme for the required period of time.

If a teacher is unable to attend due to COVID restrictions distance learning will be available for all students.

Or Scenario D: Full lock down then all students to access distance learning for a full programme of study as required.

Rates of covid-19 in Tameside and surrounding areas are high now. It is very important that we all follow the guidance both in and out of College to keep ourselves, each other, and our communities safe. **Please stay at home, and do not come to College if you or anyone you live with has**

symptoms of covid-19. The person with symptoms must get a test, and let the college know immediately if any test is positive. You can do this by email; C19reporting@tameside.ac.uk or by telephone to 07890615421.

The main symptoms of covid-19 are a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. **If you do not have symptoms, you should not take a test as this puts additional strain on the testing system.** You can find up to date NHS information on Covid 19 here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

It is also vital that we all follow the guidance whenever we are around others, both in and out of College: **keep a 2 metre distance from others; wash hands regularly; and wear a face covering where needed – this includes your time at college.** Local restrictions are also in place, so you must **not meet people you do not live with in either your or their home or garden** (unless they're in your support bubble).

At this time, if you feel you are exempt from wearing a face covering we may ask you to study from home and we will work with you on your studies remotely.

Please monitor our website for any further updates.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jackie Moores". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Jackie Moores

Principal & CEO