



10 December 2020

Dear Student and Parent

We want to thank all students for their hard work and dedication over the last few months, it has been a challenging time, but your resilience and positivity has been amazing.

As we approach the Christmas holidays I wanted to write to all Further Education students with an update and a few reminders.

Confirmed Cases

We have managed a number of confirmed COVID-19 cases since the start of term. In every case we follow the government guidance, report it to the appropriate organisation, go through the risk assessment and work with Public Health (PH) colleagues to identify appropriate actions. These actions include communication to staff, students and parents. PH colleagues are clear with whom we should communicate. We have only issued one all student communication at each campus, this was because we had two cases in the same area. Usually the instruction is not to alert the wider college community and to only inform those who have been identified as close contacts.

Because we are maintaining curriculum 'bubbles', social distancing and careful hygiene and cleaning routines, the number of students and staff required to self-isolate following confirmed COVID-19 cases has remained small in the context of our organisational size.

The team involved in this activity are working tirelessly, seven days a week to manage this and our thanks go to all those involved. We want all students and parents to be assured that our approach is to follow public health experts' advice when it comes to confirmed cases and we will continue to deal with these swiftly and effectively. We appreciate that this can be difficult to understand, and it is not appropriate to inform every one of all cases but please be assured that safely managing these situations are our priority at this time.

Positive Case reporting process up to and including Sunday 20 December 2020

All students are required to report a positive covid-19 test result to their college up to and including Sunday 20 December. This will enable us to undertake internal track and trace processes and notify close contacts to self-isolate.



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On confirmation of a positive test result students should immediately inform their relevant college by email.

Stamford College – safeguarding@stamford.ac.uk

Peterborough College – safeguarding@peterborough.ac.uk

Please ensure you state your name, course and leave a contact telephone number.

The college will then initiate the track and trace process and notify individuals who are identified as a close contact.

Notified individuals will have to self-isolate for 14 days.

Positive Case reporting process from Monday 21 December 2020

If you receive a positive test result from Monday 21 December onwards you should still alert your college but there will not be a need to initiate internal track and trace and identify close contacts unless the test result has been delayed following onset of symptoms. We will follow up all positive cases in the new year.

Students and parents should notify close contact family and friends and follow advice as per NHS Covid-19 guidelines.

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

All students are reminded of the following:

- Follow social distancing protocols – 2 metre distance where possible
- Regularly wash your hands and use hand sanitizer
- Wear a face covering

Keep safe, remember to follow the government guidance and we look forward to seeing you in January.

Best Wishes

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