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Following Government guidelines announced on Tuesday 5 January 2021, the College has moved all face to face classes to remote delivery for the foreseeable future.

The College has an excellent track record of providing remote and online learning materials for all students. The College's remote delivery service provides the opportunity for you to remain connected and engaged with your studies while working from your home with support from your tutor/assessor. For all students, the College will provide a programme of remote learning that is designed to best meet students' individual needs.

The majority of remote delivery to replace face to face classes will be through our online platform Microsoft Teams. It is our intention wherever possible that this follows your existing college timetable. Tutors and assessors have been working with students for many months using remote online platforms so for most of you this will be a very familiar way of studying. If you are unsure how to access Microsoft Teams, please either contact your tutor/assessor or the Learning Resource Centre Helpdesk:

- **Tel: 07970 364698 / 07970 369083 or contact the general switchboard on 01484 437000 and request to be transferred to the LRC Helpdesk**
- **Email: library@kirkleescollege.ac.uk**
- **Live Chat: Please find this on the LRC VLE page**

Students who do not have access to devices are supported in a variety of ways to ensure their learning is not disrupted and we have supplied laptops and dongles to enable students to access online learning. Please ensure you engage with tutors/assessors to discuss fully any barriers to learning you are experiencing during this time.

We have opened our Learning Resource Centres (LRCs) at the Waterfront site in Huddersfield and the Springfield site in Dewsbury to provide learning opportunities for those students identified as vulnerable or children of key workers. The Student Support team will contact those learners directly if we need to make arrangements to come into College.



For any students with an EHCP (Education & Health Care Plan), or those with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) who require additional learning support, provision will continue to be provided by the learning support teams remotely. Students who have parents / carers who are key workers and students who are vulnerable learners will be provided with support onsite. If you have any queries about support please email **alps@kirkleescollege.ac.uk** or **support@kirkleescollege.ac.uk**

We expect our students to adhere to the 'normal' expectations outlined in the Student Charter located on the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). This was shared with you during your induction at the start of the academic year.

Your tutors/assessors will continue to record your attendance to your remote lessons following your timetable. If you cannot attend a lesson for any reason, please continue to follow the college's reporting absence procedures in the normal way through our MIMO text service.

The College's safeguarding support remains in place for all students and concerns can be referred via email **safeguarding@kirkleescollege.ac.uk**

Apprenticeship and other work-related provision will be delivered by remote learning throughout this period. Where possible and the curriculum requirements allow, remote learning will be supplemented by onsite opportunities in a carefully controlled environment, together with the use of project-based work. This includes support for those who are on furlough from their employer. Apprentices and employers will be kept fully updated by their assessors during this time. Employers can also contact the college by email **employers@kirkleescollege.ac.uk**

External exams and assessments scheduled from January 2021 have now been cancelled or postponed. Further information will be shared as it is received with all students. However, any further internal college assessments planned as part of your studies will remain in place and it is very important that these are completed to ensure you achieve your qualifications and progress onto your next chosen steps.

For any questions relating to this statement please do not hesitate to contact the college by email **info@kirkleescollege.ac.uk**

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