

31st December 2020

Dear Students, Parents/Carers,

Bridge Training will be open on Monday 4th January 2021, we want to reassure you that we are following the latest stringent government guidelines for educational settings to minimise the spread of COVID 19. Whenever a COVID-19 positive case is confirmed, we will work swiftly and closely with Public Health England and our Local Health Protection Team, to follow their guidelines for the required contact tracing and isolation of students, and staff.

Our priority is to continue to deliver face-to-face training, but we are fully prepared and ready to switch to on-line delivery should circumstances dictate.

Bridge Training is COVID-19 secure and we have implemented a range of protective measures to make our sites safe including

- Social distancing arrangements and extra cleaning
- Face coverings to be worn in all areas except when in lessons (but you can wear in lessons should you wish to)

Coming to Bridge may be the only social contact you have outside of your household and keeping your routine and education going is important for your wellbeing and mental health

We are extremely mindful that COVID-19 has created an unsettling environment for all, and we are fully committed to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of our students, and staff throughout this academic year. We are in this together and whilst we focus on delivering training, we also have a strong Welfare Team in place to support any concerned or impacted individuals.

Week Commencing Monday 4th January 2021

All students are expected to return to BTL as normal for **vocational lessons only**, English, Maths and Employability lessons will be suspended for the first week of term so please only turn up for your timetabled vocational sessions (Art, Beauty, Construction, Hair, HSC, Digital Media & Photography, Motor Vehicle).

If you are studying for Maths and English only and/or are attending GCSE Maths and English lessons only, then these will still be running, and we expect to see you at these sessions.

Planned counselling sessions will take place as normal at the Archdeacon Training Centre

We are hoping to resume normal timetables week commencing the 11th January 2021.

Extensive, full risk assessments have been carried out across all Bridge Training sites and are available on the website.

COVID-19 Absences and Self Isolating

All Students: If you are showing **COVID-19 symptoms or are feeling unwell** and need to isolate or having to isolate because someone in your family has symptoms or tested positive, you **must** contact Bridge Training via phone (01452-411112) or email (hello@bridgetraining.co.uk)

Please remember you should self-isolate if:

- You have any symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- You have tested positive for coronavirus
- You live with someone who has symptoms or tested positive
- You are told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace
- You arrive in the UK from a country with a high coronavirus risk – **(Please see the latest government guidance on how long to self-isolate for)**

Currently, we have been advised that we will not be undertaking the testing of students and staff as recently publicised by the media.

Please note that these arrangements are correct at the time of writing. In the current climate things are subject to change; should there be any change, we will communicate with you as soon as we know more.

Kind Regards,

Mark Harrod
Managing Director