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## **LETTER TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020

Dear Student and Parent

Further to my letter in May, I am writing to you again to inform you of our reopening plans for June/July.

New College Stamford has assessed all the government guidance, together with information from Public Health England and college sector specialists. **As a result, we will be inviting priority groups back to college commencing Tuesday 16 June 2020. These groups have already received individual, specific communication. Only students who receive individual communication inviting them to attend should arrive at college.** The number of students on campus on any given day will be very small (less than 1% of our total student enrolments) and everyone, staff and students, will have to meet strict rules for hygiene, cleaning, personal protection and social distancing. This will all be explained carefully in advance and again on arrival at college.

**Please do not turn up to College unless your lecturer or support worker has contacted you to invite you to return and explained in detail the specific arrangements we will have in place to keep you safe.**

**If a student or a member of the household has received a shielding letter then please inform us by emailing [safeguarding@stamford.ac.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stamford.ac.uk).**

In the meantime, we hope that you are able to continue learning remotely and you are in regular contact with your teachers about next steps, whether that is continuation on your current course or progression to the next level, an apprenticeship, higher education or employment.

As previously shared, the key aspects of our reopening plans are:

- The health and safety of our students and staff is absolutely paramount. We will only reopen when we feel it is safe to do so
- Our preferred option is for students and staff to learn and work remotely wherever possible
- The vast majority of students will not need to return to the college site this academic year
- We will reopen on a very small scale to start with, focusing on students who need to complete practical assessments to achieve their qualifications, those whose parents are key workers, vulnerable learners, and those who need one-to-one support
- We will strictly manage social distancing, hygiene and protective actions, minimising social contact and risk
- We will encourage students to walk or cycle to college where they can, or get a lift to college with family or friends from their own households

- We will liaise with our student transport companies about adopting social distancing and safety measures on college transport. We will determine capacity on every route, and this will not be exceeded
- We will have a senior manager on site every day along with safeguarding support and first aid cover
- We will change plans if the situation requires it.

We have put together a detailed Reopening Framework, Risk Assessment and Action Plan. These will inform every aspect of reopening.

### **Returning loaned equipment and your belongings**

We are making arrangements for students to return any loaned equipment and to collect any belongings from lockers. We will contact you separately about the arrangements, however please note that students can only access the site with an appointment.

### **Planning for September**

For those of you who are returning in September we are working hard to ensure our campus and timetables can work on reduced capacity levels, given that social distancing is likely to still be in place. We will make IT devices available for students who need one as we expect a significant proportion of learning to still take place online for the majority of courses.

### **Wellbeing**

It is important that you continue to look after your mental health and wellbeing, as well as your physical health. The student launchpad contains lots of information on wellbeing, welfare and general information on physical, mental and spiritual health. You can access resources here: <https://sites.google.com/stamford.ac.uk/mental-health-and-wellbeing>

Finally, please continue to keep yourselves safe and comply with the government restrictions. This continues to be a difficult and challenging time, but we can get through it by supporting each other and those in our communities who need it.

We will continue to update you via our website, emails and social media.

Best wishes  
Janet

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