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Dear Students

In light of the recent government guidelines all learning at Bridgwater & Taunton College will be delivered remotely.

We will support you to learn remotely in a well-planned and sequential manner to ensure you are able to make progress and continue to develop your knowledge and skills.

The scope of digital learning will include:

- Live lessons in normal timetabled sessions. This could include access to recorded lessons and other learning activities. We recognise some of our adult learners may have other commitments at this time and where possible we will provide opportunities for you to learn flexibly
- Access to prepared interactive resources
- Access to pre-prepared resources to learn independently or self-directed activities
- Access to a range of online learning packages, (this will be appropriate for your programme of study)
- Access to Learning Centre Resources, this includes online books and learning resources.

For some students and programmes other resources may be provided. This will be appropriate to your programme or individual need.

If you are in receipt of learning support, you should continue to contact your support. They and your personal tutor will be able to agree how best to support you at this time.

The College remains open for students who are classed as vulnerable or if you meet the criteria for critical workers. Please continue to follow the instructions on the website if you fall into these criteria.

Apprentices and their employers will continue to be supported remotely by your assessor or college contact

Higher Education students will continue to learn remotely.



Programmes for adult learners will be delivered remotely. In some instances, we may delay the start of courses. Please check the website for further information.

There may be some instances where we require you to attend College to complete assessments or examinations. If this is the case, we will communicate with you directly. This will only take place if we can be assured the activity can be undertaken safely and in conjunction with our COVID-19 safe practices.

If you are accessing the College site, you will shortly be offered the opportunity to take a Lateral Flow Test. This is optional and you will need to consent. We will contact you directly if this is the case.

To support remote learning, we have set out the following expectations:

We will:

Provide effective remote teaching and support when we cannot do so on campus for all types of study

Seek to provide as close as possible to your full weekly complement of lessons in a mix of live lessons and self-directed activities. This will be managed by curriculum teams to make sure the offer is appropriate for each subject

Provide a safe way of accessing your education from College by arrangement when you cannot do so from home

Keep you informed about changes to your programme and its delivery or sequencing

Use technology (such as MS Teams, OneFile, or Blackboard) and innovation when we cannot provide access to specialist equipment to access your learning, submit work and receive feedback

Use government schemes to ensure you have access to technology

Provide online support and advice on staying safe online via our digital platforms (Microsoft Teams, OneFile, or Blackboard)

Provide oversight from a senior manager.

We expect of you:

Attend lessons at the allocated time*

Interactivity in online sessions when this is appropriate, and following all instructions from your lecturers

Completion of tasks and activities during remote sessions and as part of independent study

Professional conduct, dress, and appearance in online sessions, including peer activities

To let us know if you are struggling or are finding obstacles to learning.

(*there may be an exception in a small number of cases. This should always be agreed in advance with your tutor)