

## **Leeds College of Building; remote education offer**

In March 2020, when the national lock down took effect, Leeds College of Building offered online learning to support students to achieve their qualification and ensure they were able to progress to their chosen destination.

Since September 2020, the College has been open for face-to-face teaching, which has been supported by online learning. This approach has ensured that students and staff are working in a Covid secure environment and has enabled the College to continue to operate effectively.

From January 2021, the prioritising of the health and safety of our students and staff will continue, alongside ensuring teaching and learning is provided for all students. All students (14-16, 16-19, adults and Apprentices) are to continue to follow their timetable, as provided by their tutor.

- In the event of a full national or local lock down, in which the government directs schools and colleges to close, Leeds College of Building will deliver all theoretical lessons online via MS Teams. Students should contact their tutors via MS Teams in this instance.
- If a tutor has to self-isolate due to being a close contact of a positive case, the tutor will deliver theoretical lessons online via MS Teams to the normal timetable. Practical sessions will be re-arranged to ensure no student is disadvantaged.
- If a student has to self-isolate due to being a close contact of a positive case, work will be provided via MS Teams for the student to complete. Support will be available via the tutor during timetabled tutorial sessions. There is no expectation that teachers will deliver lessons in person and online at the same time.
- The above also applies if a member of staff or student tests positive for Coronavirus and remains asymptomatic.
- If a member of staff or student tests positive for Coronavirus and is symptomatic, they must focus on their own health and wellbeing. Once they are well, they can return to work or to learning. The health and wellbeing of staff and students is our primary focus at all times. All students who are unwell for any reason (not just Coronavirus) will be supported to catch up through being offered to attend additional practical sessions, provided with theoretical work to complete and any other support it is reasonable to provide.

Students are expected to attend all of their timetabled lessons and any other sessions arranged for them, to support their achievement and progression.

Any assessments or exams are being carried out following JCQ and Awarding Organisation guidance and plans are being put in place to ensure that the GCSE exams for the summer of 2021 will be able to go ahead safely for all students.

Students may be able to borrow laptops from Student Services to support them whilst they are isolating or if their course is delivered online. This is dependent upon individual circumstances and capacity; however, the College will make every effort to support all students. If a student borrows a device and no longer requires it, we encourage them to return it as soon as possible so it can be loaned out to other students.

Students with special educational needs and disability (SEND) will be supported to access online learning if it becomes required. This may be, for example, through continuing to access the College sites, with a support worker (if a teacher is having to self-isolate) or through specific resources provided to the student. Each student will be supported as their individual needs require.

Coronavirus remains a significant concern for Leeds College of Building, however, by following the risk assessment (which is available on the College website), isolating if symptomatic and getting tested quickly, it is expected that students will continue to engage both face-to-face and online with their chosen programme of study.