

Dear parent or carer,

I wanted to update you on the work we are doing to ensure all students complete their studies and have the information they need to progress further in September.

As part of this and in line with government advice, we are starting the process of unlocking our college campuses to allow any students who need to return to complete their courses the chance to do so.

I wish to stress that we will only be inviting back students for whom it's absolutely necessary that they visit the college to complete practical work or to support progression. We have started identifying those groups and we will be in contact with the students directly once this has been done. In the meantime, all other students will continue to be supported by our staff to ensure their work is signed off and their grades are achieved.

For anyone who does need to return to college, we will have strict guidelines in place around keeping the 2m social distancing rule as well as advice for frequent handwashing with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds on entering and exiting classrooms. Measures for access to the buildings, a one-way system and allocated toilets for curriculum areas will also be introduced, and all students will be briefed on this.

We are currently working with our cleaning contractors to carry out a deep clean of all our campuses prior to anyone returning to site, with extra attention given to contact points, as well as carrying out our regular cleaning processes.

All of the measures we put in place will be reviewed on a weekly basis to ensure we operating in line with the latest government advice and we will keep you updated of any changes.

I want to thank you once again for your support during this challenging time. We know that some young people are struggling with their wellbeing and mental health at this time. If you would like to talk to us about support options please contact us via [heretohelp@eastcoast.ac.uk](mailto:heretohelp@eastcoast.ac.uk) and we will put you in touch with a member of our friendly team.

Kind regards,



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