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6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Employer,

### **Covid-19 Update – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

In light of the current Covid-19 lockdown I would like to reassure you the college are following the guidelines set out by the Government.

Current advice from the Government states "Since September it has been Government guidance that the balance of risk regarding COVID-19 is overwhelmingly in favour of young people and adults being able to take part in a full education, including attending on site, with appropriate controls in place to manage the transmission risk. Students are still expected to attend on site, so they are not disadvantaged and can obtain the teaching and support to allow them to achieve the qualification and progress to their desired outcome.

As of Monday 2nd November the wearing of face masks in communal areas of all college buildings was made mandatory. Please can we ask for your support in this and ask you to ensure that your apprentice has a supply of masks available them to use when onsite at college.

It remains vital that apprentices and students on campus consistently adhere to Covid-safe hygiene practices, wear face coverings at all times in common areas, wash and sanitise hands as often as possible and continue to stay in class bubbles, avoid mixing of bubbles and maintain a two-metre distance from other students in classrooms wherever possible unless additional PPE is used.

Both apprentices and students are required to report any symptoms they may experience immediately and apprentices must follow the specific guidelines outlined at their induction briefing.

Your apprentice/s are still required to keep up with their apprenticeship as once they fall behind it can be difficult to catch up, particularly in relation to practical sessions where they will not receive the face to face input from their lecturer and assessor which they require and need.

Please remember, if you have notified us (a notification which must have come from you rather than your apprentice) that your apprentice will not be attending college, the commitment to off the job training still applies and time must be given within the working day for this to continue.

For important information and advice please visit [www.weymouth.ac.uk/welcome-back-to-weymouth-college-important-information-forall-our-students](http://www.weymouth.ac.uk/welcome-back-to-weymouth-college-important-information-forall-our-students) where we will keep you up-to-date on the College's response to Covid-19 guidance. Once again, do remember, if you have any Covid-19 related concerns, please contact one of the Employer Services Management Team on 01305 208709 or contact the Weymouth College Covid-19 email to notify us of any emerging situations: [covid@weymouth.ac.uk](mailto:covid@weymouth.ac.uk).

Kind regards,

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