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Dear Student,

The Covid-19 pandemic poses unprecedented challenges for all of us, but your safety and well-being, and that of the College staff is, and always will be, of paramount importance. The staff at Solihull College & University Centre would like to reassure you that our aim is to provide you with as much face-to-face teaching as possible on all of our programmes from September 2020.

Please be assured that we are planning for the next term intent on maintaining the quality of your education; so that it will continue to have academic and vocational integrity and be a valuable educational experience. Our current intention is to open all three campuses on schedule, and we are developing a range of alternatives which can be implemented at short notice depending on the restrictions the Government are likely to have in place at that time.

From September we will be using a 'blended learning' approach in most subject areas. This means that some lessons will be taught online and accessed by students from home and other lessons taught in person on campus. To enable reduced class sizes, we will try a number of approaches, for example some of the group could be in class on campus one week with the rest of the group joining online and switching the following week. (This will vary for students with an EHCP). These measures will be explained in more detail when students receive their timetable following enrolment, but rest assured practical learning will still be an integral part of our courses.

We will continually monitor the situation and adapt our delivery to increase onsite delivery if it is safe to do so or to revert to online delivery if we are forced into lockdown again.

The primary concern of all staff at the College is your safety and your health, and should you wish to discuss our plans for September and how they may affect you, please contact enquiries@solihull.ac.uk or keep up to date through our website and social media channels.

We will contact you again in July with further information and joining instructions for September.

Yours sincerely



John Callaghan
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