GREAT TO BE BACK!

We’re Open & Ready

A GUIDE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING AT COLLEGE

Solihull College & University Centre
Stratford-upon-Avon College
Hello from all of us at Solihull College & University Centre.

We are so pleased to be back in our buildings!

We have been busy preparing to re-open safely and have put several safety measures in place.

We have done all we can to make it a safe environment for staff and students and visitors to the College.

We want you to feel confident when you come into college in September.

This short booklet will walk you through the changes we have made across our three campuses. We are looking forward to welcoming new and returning students in September.

If you are coming into college, we want you to feel safe – and I hope this guide goes some way to do just that.

We look forward to welcoming you in September.

John Callaghan
Principal
Traveling to College / Public transport

If you do travel by public transport you must wear a face mask and always try to remain at least one metre part – this applies when waiting for transport, getting on and off the transport and choosing where to sit. There will be further advice once you are on the bus/train/tram.

Perhaps consider if a member of your household can bring you by car to and from the College.

For further government advice on travelling on public transport please click here

Keeping clean

The Government advice remains that the most effective way to beat the virus is to wash your hands regularly, for 20 seconds. We obviously need to restrict numbers at any one time in toilets to maintain safe social distancing but we do recommend regular handwashing.

We have put in place an enhanced cleaning regime across all our buildings. The first thing you will see when you step into the building is hand sanitisers and we will ask you to use them straight away.

Hand sanitisers will be dotted around the building and please use them frequently throughout the day.
Keeping a safe distance

We are ensuring, in line with Government guidance, that we keep students in separate groups (in ‘bubbles’) and these groups will have minimum contact with other groups/bubbles. In the classroom we will ensure that all desks have enough space between them so that we follow government guidelines.

At all times at college be aware of the people around you and give them as much space as possible – this will protect you and them. It is important that students do not congregate in public areas, in particular corridors, and you will see signs around the college in corridors and staircases instructing you to Keep Left and Keep Moving.

We will be restricting and monitoring the number of people onsite at any one time.

Refectory plans

We are restricting use of the refectory but will ensure food is available, in particular for free school meals and breakfasts.

In order to restrict the number of people entering or exiting the main entrance at one time we have designated other entrances/exits around the College for specific curriculum areas. These will be properly staffed to ensure the safety of our staff and students.

Staff will manage the flow in and out of the building and into designated areas.
Lifts

The lifts at all the colleges have restricted access ranging from one to two occupants only – please take the stairs if you are able.

Facemasks

It’s not compulsory to wear face masks. We will monitor and follow Government advice on the wearing of face masks.

We will provide personal protective equipment for those curriculum activities that normally require protection or for Covid-19 related first aid incidents.
Our Values in practice

At Solihull College & University Centre you can expect to study in a friendly, supportive environment. Support will be on hand from your personal tutor, course lecturers and our student services team.

Our College values are:
- Inspiring and supporting students to succeed
- Striving for excellence, exceeding expectations
- Respecting each other
- Recognising our responsibility
- Sharing, caring and working together.

In these challenging times, these values are more important than ever and we all have an important part to play in ensuring learners succeed in a safe, caring and respectful environment.

Here is how we can apply our values to ensure the social distancing measures take place:
- Lanyards will be issued as part of induction. All students will need to wear their ID and lanyard whilst in college
- Adhere to all college staff instructions and to maintain standards of behaviour expected in line with our values and the code of conduct. We have added an annex to our student code of conduct and this can be accessed here
- Please arrive at college allowing enough time to get to your lesson. This may take a little longer if you need to use the stairs or need to wait until an area is ready to move through
- Please respect the local college communities when arriving/leaving college premises
- When leaving college – please do so promptly and continue to adhere to social distancing.
The health and safety of our College community is paramount and it is extremely important that all students and staff follow our reasonable instructions which help us to reduce the risk of the pandemic affecting our College.

Remember…..

- Clean your hands more often than usual - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol handrub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered
- Ensure good hygiene by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach

Covid-19 Symptoms? 🦠🤒

We want everyone that visits the college to be and feel safe. If you have any of the symptoms of Covid-19 – a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste, please do not come into college. If this is the case, use the NHS free online 111 service for help and advice.

If you have any concerns whilst you are on college premises, please raise these with your tutor immediately, this includes any concerns you have in relation to the welfare of others, safeguarding or concerns about a fellow student.
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