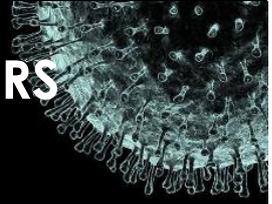




INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

2 April 2020



Everyone must stay at home to help stop the spread of coronavirus.

You should only leave the house for 1 of 4 reasons:

- **shopping for basic necessities, for example food and medicine, which must be as infrequent as possible**
- **one form of exercise a day, for example a run, walk, or cycle – alone or with members of your household**
- **any medical need, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person**
- **travelling to and from work, but only where this absolutely cannot be done from home**

College Closure

From Friday 20 March, all educational settings were instructed by the Government to close to everyone except the children of critical workers and vulnerable children. We are closed to all visitors to protect them and our own staff. We remain accessible to vulnerable students or students of critical worker where they absolutely cannot remain at home. All students to whom this applies have been contacted. For final year students, we hope that your son or daughter had the opportunity over the last few days of College opening to say goodbyes to classmates and teachers. We hope to organise a further opportunity for a proper goodbye when this period of isolation is complete. You can find more information here updated 31 March:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Contact with Students and the College

College tutors are in regular contact with their tutees to check on their well-being and to ensure they continue to study and develop their education. Teachers have set work remotely and continue to teach remotely, setting, marking and feeding back on. We expect all of our students to have developed skills in independent learning and teachers have provided additional activities that students can do independently to enhance their learning. Much of the remote learning is done on-line. We have produced some guidance for parents and carers on safe use of online learning. This can be accessed here: <https://www.jcc.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Online-Safety-for-Parents-310320.pdf>

Examinations

The Government has not yet confirmed how grades will be awarded but some key points to note are:

- Students will be awarded a grade based on teacher judgments (which teachers will make based on mocks and non-exam assessment, guided by DfE/Ofqual advice) combined with prior attainment and other data. The precise process will be decided soon and communicated as soon as possible.
- Grades will be available hopefully by mid August
- For vocational courses where work has already been completed and assessed, these grades are likely to form part of the judgment.

Safeguarding

If you or your son/daughter have any concerns about your child's safety please contact one of safeguarding team. The college has established a dedicated safeguarding helpline which has been advertised and provided to staff, students and parents – **07766 551123**. If a student is in immediate danger of harm, you should contact the police. The College's safeguarding policy, including an annex relating to arrangements during the Coronavirus outbreak can be found here: <https://www.jcc.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Joseph-Chamberlain-College-Response-to-COVID19.pdf>

Easter Holiday

We will remain closed during the Easter holiday but again we will be accessible for vulnerable students or students of critical workers where they absolutely cannot remain at home. All students in these situations have been contacted. We do not yet know what the situation will be like after Easter but we will update you when we do know. As it stands students should **not** return to College until informed they can do so. We will contact students to support them in continued learning.

For those students who are entitled to free school meals we will continue to make payments over the Easter holiday.

Staying Safe

We know this is a difficult time for all our community and we ask that you support it and the country by following the Government advice in dealing with the Coronavirus outbreak. **Stay at home; Protect the NHS; Save lives.**

Parent Helpline for Critical Workers

If your work is critical to the COVID-19 response, or you work in one of the critical sectors and you cannot keep your child safe at home then your children will be prioritised for education provision. If this applies to you please call our parental helpline on **07584 623040** to discuss your child being supported in the college.