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Update: COVID-19 - College sites, virtual learning and virtual working

Are you applying or have you applied to our College? See this message from our Vice Principal

Vice Principal message

From **Wednesday 18th March 3pm**, we will be closing the College sites to students. As of **Monday 23rd March**, all learning will move online and students will be home/remote studying with staff also working remotely.

The Government's advice for whole households, those with specific underlying health issues and pregnant women to self-isolate has left us to carefully consider what actions we can take to support our community.

The health and safety of our students, staff and the wider Bournemouth & Poole community is our number one priority, and we believe that taking this action now is in the best interest of our whole community.

Although the College's sites may be closed, we will still be operating remotely. Our teaching staff are preparing online learning resources for students, meaning they can continue their studies at home, and our support staff will be continuing to work remotely. We advise that our students still continue to revise and prepare for exams.

If you have any queries during this time, you can still reach out to us by using the 'Live Chat' facility on our website or by emailing us on enquiries@bpc.ac.uk

Please continue checking this webpage to keep up-to-date with our latest developments and future information about re-opening.

This is an evolving situation and official advice changes regularly. We will review this policy regularly and keep you updated as to any changes.

General questions for students, staff, parents and carers

- Is the College currently open or closed?
- Can I still apply for a course or Apprenticeship at the College?
- What is the College doing about Coronavirus?
- What happens if I have an exam scheduled?
- Can I still access the College's support teams if college sites are closed?
- How will students receive their free school/college meal entitlement?
- How will EHCP students be supported?
- I've paid for the course I am studying and I will expect a refund for lost teaching.

- Can I still complete my work experience/placement?
- Learning Resource Centres (Library)
- Are College events still going to take place?
- Will I be able to continue studying at home?
- I am due to have an interview at the College for a course, what should I do?
- I am due to have an interview with an Apprenticeship employer, what should I do?
- I am a parent/carer, what information do I need to know?
- I am a member of staff, how do I work from home?
- How do I look after my mental wellbeing while working at home?
- If I contract Coronavirus, will I receive sick pay during my isolation period?
- Cleaning of the College
- Where can I get more information about Coronavirus (COVID-19)?
- Reminder about the importance of hygiene

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