



Bournemouth & Poole College – Higher Education Statement

Scope

This document outlines the Bournemouth & Poole College Higher Education Covid Study Guidelines. It has been published so that students know what to expect of Bournemouth & Poole College if they need to self-isolate, whilst local restrictions require them to remain at home and requirements for return.

The College covers a wide range of HE subjects and as a result the offer that is in place for each will vary to best support students to develop whilst also meeting regulatory guidelines.

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1. Online systems

The college maintains Microsoft TEAMS and Moodle as primary delivery systems, these are the systems that will be used for delivery and assessment of remote learning. Students have a login for TEAMS and teachers have run sessions on this. Microsoft Teams is a great app that allows students to chat to classmates and tutors either one-on-one or as a group. On the platform you can share and receive files, make video and conference calls and share content. Some lessons can also be recorded to support independent learning whilst at home.

2. Arrangements for all HE students returning to College

Based on current guidance, Higher Education courses may be allowed to resume face to-face teaching after February half term. There will be a staggered return for HE courses after February half term and your tutors will contact you to advise when you are due back. This will be dependent on any National restrictions and further guidance from the Government.

In certain cases, where students have mandatory assessments which cannot be rescheduled, face to face sessions are operating which follow all Covid-19 guidance. If you have been asked to attend College for a mandatory assessment or to access learning facilities it is an expectation that before any face to face delivery commences that all returning students will be tested. The college offers this

testing service on an appointment basis. Those who are returning to placements should follow the testing guidance for their placement setting and undertake a test through their placement provider where offered, or through the college if advised by the placement provider.

We ask that any student who chooses not to get tested on return, self-isolate for ten [days](#).

If a student has had a positive coronavirus (COVID-19) PCR test in the last 90 days through NHS Test and Trace and been recorded as a positive case on the national system, they do not need to be tested again within that time period if they are asymptomatic.

3. Assessment Arrangements

Arrangements for assessments will vary depending on the awarding organisation or Higher Education Institution that a student is studying with.

The College will ensure that students can be confident that:

- Those with responsibility for assessment are capable of confirming that a student's assessed work is the original work of that student only, particularly in cases where the assessment is conducted through remote methods.
- The method of assessment is in line with the quality assurance guidance issued by the Awarding Organisation or University Partner

The College will also ensure that students have:

- Information on the ways in which their achievements will be judged, and the relative weighting of units, modules or elements of the programme in respect of assessment overall;
- Timely formative assessment on their academic performance to provide a basis for individual constructive feedback and guidance, and to illustrate the awarding institution's expectations for summative assessment.

4. Support for HE students without devices, connectivity or a suitable environment for learning

The College is committed to supporting students to access online education. Wherever possible and on a needs basis The College will support students by:

- Supporting students with access to laptops and, where necessary, Wi-Fi dongles arranged through contact with their lecturer - based on means testing
- Offer support to students with IT issues through the helpdesk
- Consider the best most appropriate medium to continue to engage students in education, including offering alternative methods of contact such as phone calls or postal correspondence
- Students should contact tutors as soon as possible if they need equipment to enable them to continue their studies
- Although the physical spaces are closed, a wide range of e-learning resources are available via the LRC app or on the website

5. Support for HE students

We understand that this is a difficult time and that students may be dealing with multiple challenges in their learning. Students are urged to let teaching teams know if they are having difficulties and we can advise on the support available.

Learning support is accessible on-line. If students have specific learning needs, they should contact tutors or the Learning Resource team directly to make an appointment via MS Teams.

If you have any questions at all, please contact your college support team. Email us at: wellbeing@bpc.ac.uk and we will ring you, text you or email you back. Tell us how you'd like us to contact you, and don't forget to give us a number to phone or text you on.

During this lockdown our student union are contactable remotely through the student first website, www.studentfirst.org.uk or by emailing studentsunion@bpc.ac.uk

Although this document sets out our commitments as an institution we work with many Awarding Organisations and partners. In some instances, continued delivery will not be compatible with their guidelines. In these instances, we will follow the guidance set out to us by the Awarding Organisation or partner.