

30th December 2020

Dear Students and Parent/Carers,

## Open as usual 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Skills for Life Faculty

I hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break and as promised, I write to you with news regarding our return to learning from January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. You may have seen in the news that the government has announced a staggered return for secondary schools and FE colleges at the start of next term. However, in line with the DfE Guidance, this does not apply to us in our Nacro Further Education Centres or Totton College and we will be open for business as usual from the 4<sup>th</sup> January, alongside most primary schools and some specialist providers. All our students have assessments to complete their studies this year and therefore we very much encourage you to attend from this date. However, we understand that a number of our Skills for Life students have underlying health conditions or may be considered clinically extremely vulnerable (e.g. adults with Down's Syndrome) and appreciate that you may wish to take the decision to shield these students at home whilst we are operating in the highest tier restrictions. Please complete the link in the email to confirm attendance for Week commencing 4 January 2021.

Please be mindful that students must **NOT** attend if they or a household member have any Covid-19 symptoms. If you are unsure, please get a test immediately or speak to our staff in the first instance to get advice.

As we are a not-for-profit training provider in our Centres and at Totton College, we are not yet subject to the arrangements for on-site testing due to our smaller numbers and status. We await further guidance from DfE and the Education and Skills Agency on this matter and will keep you informed. All other measures including handwashing, wearing of masks and social distancing will apply and students will be reminded of these measures at our settings.

Please note that these plans are based on current advice and may be subject to change pending further government announcements that affect our provision. We will be keeping our arrangements under review. Should we need to move to a full or partial remote delivery option, we will inform you and share proposed arrangements as soon as possible.


If you need further information or wish to contact us, please use the email address below in the first instance as this is being monitored.

Yours sincerely



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