



20th March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

At 2.50pm on Friday 20th March 2020 Denton Community College will be closing until further notice. It is with great sadness that we will not be able to provide face to face education for the vast majority of our students, however this letter outlines the provision and support we are able to provide for our students and their families at this time.

Key Workers

The government has now updated guidance on Key workers who may require a place for their child in an Educational Setting. This information can be found via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you feel you are eligible for this support please contact the College in the method stated. We will then be in contact to confirm eligibility and documentation required.

Staffing

Even though the building may be closed we will be operating a skeleton staff to provide supervision for those identified by the government as well as support and guidance for all stakeholders of Denton Community College and their families.

Each day we strive to ensure that there will always be the following support available at the College:

- A member of the Senior Leadership Team
- A Head of Year
- A member of the inclusion team
- A first aider
- A Head of Subject
- A selection of teachers from multiple subject disciplines

Communicating with College

If at all possible all general communications should be conducted through the College email (info@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk). Messages will be monitored and re-directed to the relevant member of staff between 9.30 and 10.30am each day.

We will do our utmost to respond to all queries and emails as soon as possible in the current circumstances.

Work for Students

For **Year 10** work has already been sent out as packs for the first two weeks of the closure. If your child was not in College to receive a pack then one has been posted home to you.

For **Years 7 to 9** work will be made available via 'Google Classroom' from Monday 23rd March 2020. If your child forgets their password then please contact their class teacher via email or the school directly

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(info@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk). Likewise if you do not have internet access at home please contact the College directly via reception (0161 336 2219) and we will arrange for the work to be made available in paper format and will post this home.

Our expectation is that a variety of work and resources will be made available to students via 'Google Classroom'. We have asked that class teachers set at least one assessment piece of work each week for every subject. Each piece should take the student about an hour complete which they should then return (via 'Google Classroom' or email) to the member of staff, they will mark the work and give feedback. In some cases teachers may merge assessed tasks into longer more project based activities over a longer period of time. Teachers may also set additional curriculum activities that help students acquire further knowledge and deepen their understanding.

Worried about a child?

If at any point you become worried or have any safeguarding concerns regarding a child in the community, please contact the Tameside Multi Agency Request for Service (MARS) team. Further details can be found via the following link: <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/childabuse> .

Free School Meals

All students who are entitled to Free School Meals may, by prior arrangement collect a packed lunch from the College reception area between 12.30pm and 1.00pm. If you would like the Catering staff to prepare a packed lunch for your child, you must contact reception by phone or email (info@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk) by 9.30am that day. This does not apply to students who are self-isolating or are ill with the Covid-19 virus.

These are very difficult and unprecedented times for all of us and we will be here to support you, your children and the wider Denton community. Please stay in touch via our website and social media platforms which will be updated regularly.

On behalf of the staff and the Governing Board at Denton Community College I would like to thank you for your ongoing support in the education of our young people.

Yours faithfully



Mr G Rule

Headteacher