



Wirral Met College

What is Wirral Met College doing to keep students and staff safe during the Coronavirus pandemic?

Wirral Met College is committed to doing its utmost to protect students and staff and to keep them safe. The College is taking a number of protective measures which include:

- 1. Providing mandatory, detailed Covid-19 training for staff and students on social distancing and protective measures.**
- 2. Ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms (or who have someone in their household who does) do not attend College.**
- 3. Providing guidance and reminders to students and staff on washing hands frequently with soap and water** for at least 20 seconds, and the use of hand sanitiser gel: hand sanitiser gel dispensers are available on every floor of each campus.
- 4. Restricting access to visitors to College who are not students or staff.**
- 5. Ensuring one direction of travel along corridors and stairways in each campus.**
- 6. Ensuring there is increased cleaning on all campuses across communal areas, classrooms, toilets and staff rooms.**
- 7. Updating our ways of supporting teaching and learning**
 - a. Reduced numbers of students on campus to facilitate social distancing.
 - b. New timetables will include staggered start and finish times with staggered breaks.
 - c. Blended learning will include practical sessions in College, online/remote learning from home including tutorials, resources on the student virtual campus, and book-able places in the College library for those students who do not have access to wifi at home.
 - d. Development of students' digital skills to help them study safely and effectively online.
 - e. Staff to use personal protective equipment (PPE) for students with special educational needs or disabilities, as appropriate.
- 8. Providing mental health support** via:
 - i. Access to Pastoral Support Mentors
 - ii. Online resources and links through the student virtual campus
 - iii. Encouraging young people to identify their own self-care strategies
- 9. Working with employers to support the safe working of apprentices in their workplace.**