

**GET READY TO
COME INTO
COLLEGE**

WELCOME TO WALSALL COLLEGE

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We're looking forward to seeing you next week for the start of the new college year.

Your health, safety and wellbeing are our number one priority and we've been working hard to get our campuses ready so that everyone enjoys their college experience.

This short guide outlines the measures in place to provide a safe and compliant environment that also minimises the risk to you and your teachers.



Our eight-point plan for keeping you COVID-19 secure:

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COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

If you have any COVID symptoms, or if anyone in your household is experiencing COVID symptoms, **DO NOT** travel to college. Symptoms include a new continuous cough or a high temperature or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell. Please report your absence via the college website <https://www.walsallcollege.ac.uk/contact/>, go to Send a Message, then Type of Enquiry and on the drop down menu select Report an Absence.

If you feel unwell when you are in college and suspect you have COVID symptoms, please tell your teacher straight away.

Travelling to college - Please refer to our [website](#) for details on using public transport. You can also read the Government's latest travel advice [here](#).



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SOCIAL DISTANCING

All of our classrooms, workshops and social spaces have been set up to observe social distancing guidelines. Please do not move any desks or equipment away from where they are located.

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FACE COVERINGS

Face coverings do not have to be worn in our classrooms, but if you want to use them, you can. However, face coverings **should** be worn at all times outside of the classroom i.e. in social spaces, libraries, corridors, stairs, lifts etc.

We know that some students may not be able to wear a face covering. We will be issuing green stickers which should be placed on ID badges so these individuals can be easily identified. Please be respectful towards anyone you see with a green sticker on their ID card.

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TIMETABLES

We've introduced timetables that avoid overcrowding in our entrances, cafés and social spaces.

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MOVING AROUND ALL OUR CAMPUSES - *KEEP TO THE LEFT*

Stairs - Please take the stairs if you can. Lifts are for essential use only and should be used by one person at a time. Only students with a carer or support worker are able to use the lift together.

Please sanitise your hands regularly particularly before using the lift.

Food and drink - Our catering facilities will be open for you to use, however you will be required to wear a face covering in these areas. Once you have purchased

your food and drink, please consume these in your designated social bubble area.

(See Point 8 about Social Bubbles.)

Toilet Facilities - Only a limited number of people will be able to use the toilets at any one time. Signage will be posted on the toilet door to advise you of this. Please check how many people are in the toilet before entering these facilities.



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SANITISER

No matter where you are in the college, you'll never be far away from a hand wash station. Sanitisers will be available at every entrance and in every classroom and workshop. Please use these as often as you can.

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EXTRA CLEANING

Our cleaning team always work hard to make sure our college buildings are thoroughly clean and hygienic. Additional, regular cleaning and sanitisation of surfaces will take place throughout each day. If you have any concerns about areas that need to be cleaned, please raise these with your teachers, or with our welcome desk and security teams.



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SOCIAL BUBBLES

Every group/class has been placed into a social bubble with their own separate break times and lunchtimes and their own social space. You should aim to arrive at college as close to your start time as possible and leave soon after your class has finished.

You will also be part of a small group in your class and you will be kept together as much as possible. Your tutor will advise you on your social bubbles during your induction.

TEST AND TRACE

The Department for Education has worked closely with Public Health England (PHE) and NHS Test and Trace to ensure they are doing all they can to minimise the potential risks of spread.

To ensure they identify those with coronavirus while avoiding a huge increase in demand for tests from people without coronavirus symptoms, it is recommended that students and staff who feel unwell get tested if:

1. they develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms: a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell; or
2. they are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse).

There is no need for household members of a person with symptoms to have a test, unless they are also symptomatic.

Unless a pupil, student or staff member has one of the three main coronavirus symptoms, they should only be tested if instructed otherwise by the local authority, health protection team or their GP. As schools and colleges across England return, pupils and students may feel unwell for example with a sore throat, stomach upset or a headache. These pupils and students don't need to book a test but may need to stay off school or college and seek medical advice through their GP or pharmacist as usual.

If you have queries or concerns about coming into college or following any of the measures that we have introduced, please email info@walsallcollege.ac.uk

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