

Dear Student

Following the Prime Minister's statement at the weekend relating to a proposed second lockdown and the subsequent guidance provided to us by the Department for Education this afternoon, we are writing to you, to update you on the arrangements for teaching and learning that will be in place until at least the 2 December 2020.

The safety of our students and that of our staff is our foremost concern. We have consulted the government guidance to create a plan that safely enables you to continue to access your learning during the lockdown period from Thursday 5 November to Wednesday 2 December. We will continue to deliver all your timetabled lessons in person on site. If you need to isolate during this period of restriction, please contact your Progress Coach who will provide learning materials for the period that you are unable to access college in person.

We are revising our requirement for students on campus to wear face coverings. For at least this period of enhanced restrictions, we are asking students to wear face coverings when on campus and when travelling to campus on a campus bus. For clarity, students are asked to wear face coverings when moving around outdoors, in corridors, when in classrooms and when accessing all college facilities. Teachers may ask students to remove face coverings where it is impractical for learning purposes. Students may of course remove face coverings when sitting to eat at lunchtime and during break times. Some individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings and we ask staff and students to be sensitive in this regard.

We would like to reassure the small number of students due to undertake any examination during November that examinations will be unaffected and will continue as previously scheduled.

If you are a residential student living on campus, the government has asked that you keep travel between campus and your home address to a minimum, although you are still allowed as a Further Education student to travel home for the period of this second lockdown. Campus bus transport, for those who use it, will still be available during the lockdown period and students living locally will be able to continue to travel on to campus each day.

If you were required to shield during the first lockdown as you were medically classified as clinically extremely vulnerable, please contact your GP to assess if you are able to continue to attend college. If your GP assesses that you can no longer attend college during this second lockdown period we will provide you with learning materials for this period and keep in regular contact with you so that you continue to make progress in your studies. If someone you live with is classified as clinically extremely vulnerable, government guidelines advise that you are required to continue to attend education during this second lockdown period.

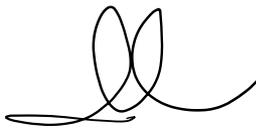
In line with the national restrictions being placed on sports related businesses, we regret that we are unable to open the Gym and the Sports Hall for any purpose other than the direct delivery of education. Please be reassured that Sports, Public Services and Outdoor Education Students will continue to be able to access the facility in the continuance of their education.

We know that some students may be feeling particularly anxious during this period of continual change and restriction. Please can we ask any student feeling concerned in this regard to make

contact with our student wellbeing team at [wellbeingteamsparsholt@sparsholt.ac.uk](mailto:wellbeingteamsparsholt@sparsholt.ac.uk) or [wellbeingandover@sparsholt.ac.uk](mailto:wellbeingandover@sparsholt.ac.uk) who will be keen to provide support.

If you wish to discuss this further or have any concerns about the implications for your programme of study, please contact your Progress Coach. Finally, can I ask you to accept my assurance that we are fully committed to supporting you to fully achieve your learning goals and enjoy your college experience.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Julie Milburn

Principal

Sparsholt College & Andover College