

**CORONAVIRUS – COVID-19  
LETTER TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

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Dear Student and Parent

We have swiftly implemented a range of activities to enable us to move to an online delivery model and remote working for our staff to ensure students are well supported and learning can continue. Clearly, this is easier for some courses than others. We will do our utmost to ensure that learners make progress, and we ask for your patience over the coming weeks, as we embed recently developed systems and processes to enable this to happen on this scale.

In response to the government's announcement yesterday, we are looking at a small scale on-site operation from next week to provide ongoing support for our vulnerable students as needed. We are contacting you directly if you fall into this category so that we can talk to you about your needs and explain what are able to put in place.

Staff will continue to be available to you over the coming weeks but we don't yet know the full impact of COVID-19 yet so please be understanding at this time.

Finally, I know some of you will have concerns about your exams after yesterday's announcement from the government. This is clearly an unprecedented situation and we have no information yet about the approach the government, and specifically the exams oversight body, Ofqual, will take. However, I can assure you that New College Stamford will be able to respond and will do so swiftly. We will ensure all of our students are fully supported and that we take all available steps to ensure you are able to progress to your next step.

Best wishes  
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