



Further Education delivery during the Covid-19 pandemic and national lockdown

What should my child expect from immediate remote education in the first day or two of pupils being sent home?

All students will receive on-line lessons following their course timetable. Lessons will include a variety of live sessions, videos, Question & Answer and set work following a model used successfully during the first lockdown during last academic year.

Following the first few days of remote education, will my child be taught broadly the same curriculum as they would if they were in school?

Yes - we teach the same curriculum remotely as we do normally wherever possible and appropriate. We work closely with awarding bodies who manage the content and assessment requirements of the courses we teach and will implement any changes they require during delivery under COVID-19 restrictions.

We have needed to make some adaptations in some subjects. For example, practical lessons will not be able to be delivered remotely however some adaptations can be made for some subjects. Essential practical sessions will be delivered once we can return to some on- face to face delivery on-site. Students will receive communication from their Course Managers for all on-line sessions.

Remote teaching and study time each day

How long can I expect work set by the school to take my child each day?

We expect that remote education (including remote teaching and independent work) will take pupils broadly the following number of hours each day:

Our students of secondary age (16-18) working towards formal qualifications will have 3-5 hours of online delivery per timetabled day.

Accessing remote education

How will my child access any online remote education you are providing?

We will be delivering in a variety of ways, mainly through MS Teams.

If my child does not have digital or online access at home, how will you support them to access remote education?

We recognise that some pupils may not have suitable online access at home. We take the following approaches to support those pupils to access remote education:

Joining instructions to all FE students for 2020/21 included the need for an electronic device to complete college work.

WUC are following up all requests to issue or lend laptops where necessary. Please contact Course Managers for requests and concerns. Bursaries are available.

How will my child be taught remotely?

We use a combination of the following approaches to teach pupils remotely:

These are examples of remote teaching approaches, which will vary from programme and programme:

- live teaching (online lessons)
- recorded teaching
- textbooks and reading books pupils have at home
- commercially available websites supporting the teaching of specific subjects or areas, including video clips or sequences
- long-term project work and/or internet research activities
- Set work Q& A

Engagement and feedback

What are your expectations for my child's engagement and the support that we as parents and carers should provide at home?

- WUC students are expected to attend lessons following their course timetables and stay in communication with their Course Manager.
- Parents asked to read emailed communication and check website for updates.

How will you check whether my child is engaging with their work and how will I be informed if there are concerns?

- Daily registers will be taken for on-line lessons. Students are to attend all timetabled sessions.
- Course Managers, Curriculum Team Leaders or attendance monitors will contact parents by phone or email for any concerns.

How will you assess my child's work and progress?

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Additional support for pupils with particular needs

How will you work with me to help my child who needs additional support from adults at home to access remote education?

- WUC will work with individual students and their families to deliver remote education and support students and make other arrangements where necessary.

Remote education for self-isolating pupils

Where individual pupils need to self-isolate but the majority of their peer group remains in school, how remote education is provided will likely differ from the approach for whole groups. This is due to the challenges of teaching pupils both at home and in school.

If my child is not in school because they are self-isolating, how will their remote education differ from the approaches described above?

- All study programme students need to stay in regular weekly contact with their Course Manager and attend on-line lessons following their timetable.

If you have any concerns in relation to the above and delivery during this challenging time, please contact your course tutor.