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ROC College Remote and face to face education

Dear student and parent/guardian,

As we are all aware, the UK continues to be deeply affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. With recent increased lockdown restrictions, I wanted to write to you all.

At ROC College, all of our students have EHC Plans. This means we can continue to provide face to face education for all of our students who are not shielding. Across Cornwall, Devon and Torbay, we continue to welcome students through our doors and have recently implemented weekly testing for staff and students to access, should they wish to.

For those students who are receiving face to face education, you may have already seen some changes within your programme. This is because we cannot access all of our regular community facilities at the moment. This will continue to be the case until restrictions begin to lift. However, in the interim, we will continue to provide learning at our base sites such as Boscawen, Aspects and the Beacon Centre. You will also continue working towards the goals on your EHC Plan wherever possible including; maths and English and your registered qualifications.

If you are not attending college because you are shielding or would prefer to access remote learning, we can continue to support you with this. I have been pleased to hear that students have been working closely with their local managers to arrange remote learning since the start of the term. I encourage you all to keep in touch with your local manager so that we can make sure that you are receiving the right support for your needs.

If you are engaging in remote learning we can provide a range of activities and methods of engagement. These include:

- Functional Skills Maths and English Zoom sessions
- Planned learning sessions with your student support staff using Zoom, Skype, FaceTime or Teams
- Access to online maths and English resources through BSBK
- Activity packs and lessons posted to your home
- Ongoing support via email
- Welfare calls
- Access to our Wellbeing Virtual Zoom sessions including quizzes, drama, dance and fitness sessions. (For more information request details of virtual sessions from wellbeing.devon@unitedresponse.org.uk)

As a college we are also looking at new learning platforms to ease and improve access to online learning. We will get you informed of any changes and advances moving forward.

We understand that this is a difficult time for all of our students. Across Cornwall, Devon and Torbay, the college managers, pastoral support and Functional Skills tutors continue to be available

to support you with your needs whether you are engaging in remote or face to face education. If you need additional support then please make contact with me and I will ensure the right person gets in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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