

Communication to employers

As you are aware, these are unprecedented times with the current outbreak of COVID-19, and the college, in line with government advice, is taking steps to ensure we can continue your apprenticeship programme in your employment.

There are many individual cases to investigate how best we can provide support but we wanted to assure you we are here to help you and your apprentices' progress.

For apprentices that attended classroom-based sessions in college, these are not currently taking place. We are setting up remote systems and will remain in contact with your apprentice by OneFile, email and telephone. We are also setting up additional training for learning modules and are arranging maths and English tutors to be available to help those working towards their functional skills.

Where apprentices are working in isolation or at home, we will avoid physical contact by using remote communications and we are looking at adding some additional online training sessions in the main areas, as well as maths and English. They will continue to have support from their specialists/assessors through Onefile, email and telephone.

Those due to complete their apprenticeship programme will continue to be supported and End Point Assessments (EPAs) are still taking place but may be changed to remote systems.

If you have apprentices at home without access to the internet or a computer, please help to support them wherever possible or speak to us and we will do whatever we can in terms of providing the necessary resources.

We appreciate this is a very difficult and uncertain time for the apprentices, due to worries about their jobs, careers and qualifications, and we will be working tirelessly to do whatever is possible to support them.

In the unfortunate event that you should find yourself having to make cutbacks and may need to let an apprentice go during these very difficult times, please do speak with your specialist or contact our apprenticeship team on info@visionbusiness.co.uk and we will do what we can to help support the individual. This could be to help complete the apprenticeship, a qualification, or with support, to gain knowledge and skills to get back into work when things return to normal.

Please be assured that as a college and as individuals, we are working to do the very best for the apprentices.