

## Valley College

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Dear Advocates

Welcome back to the Spring Term.

I hope you have all had a relaxing festive break and the learners are refreshed and ready for our new term. We have lots of things to look forward to, including;

- Internet Safety Week
- Careers and Enterprise Week

Please continue to test twice weekly on a Monday and Thursday evening. The number of COVID cases in the Autumn term was low and we wish to continue to keep the transmission rate as low as possible to protect everyone in our college community. Should your young adult develop any symptoms of COVID19 listed below, please do not send your young adult to college but book a PCR test and isolate whilst you wait for the result. Please send the NHS notification of the result (positive or negative) to our COVID positive inbox, [covidpositive@theviewtrust.org](mailto:covidpositive@theviewtrust.org)

### A reminder of the symptoms of COVID19:

- a high temperature of 37.8 degrees centigrade or above
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Should your young adult develop any of the above symptoms in college, we will isolate them and contact you to collect your young adult immediately. Please inform the office should your emergency contact details change.

Current guidance on isolation;

*'Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.*

*Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or*

*guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8.'*

We are committed to keeping groups open but our staffing compliment may be significantly impacted by the current guidance. If this is the case, we may need to bring groups together to avoid class closures, however if staff/learner ratios become unsafe, classes may have to revert to remote learning. Please be reassured this will be our last resort and will only last as long as is absolutely necessary.

I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Mrs K Swindells (Previously Miss K Morgan)

Head of Valley College & Tor View Further Education Department.