



Queen Alexandra College

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with Disabilities

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Dear parents/carers & students,

We hope that this letter finds you well.

Last night the government announced that everyone in England must stay at home except for the permitted reasons during a new coronavirus lockdown. All schools and colleges will close to most pupils from Tuesday with remote learning planned until February half term.

QAC remains fully committed to ensuring that our arrangements allow us to support learning and therapies whilst also maintaining the safety and wellbeing of our students, clients, colleagues, community and other stakeholders.

QAC will **close from Wednesday 6th January** and will not be open to all staff or students to attend campus (to maximise everyone's safety).

However there are exceptions: -

- *Students whose parents are key workers in the critical sectors*
- *Students at high risk of vulnerability due to safeguarding circumstances*
- *Students who have been identified by families/College as extremely highly vulnerable*

For the small number of students listed above, there will be some face to face delivery from **Monday January 18th**. If you are a key worker, or want to apply for a place on the limited on site provision please complete the attached links by Thursday 7th January <https://forms.gle/gUU73RArzA2u9oaz8>

Our plans for rapid testing for COVID 19 are in place. Rapid testing will play an essential role in minimising COVID 19 risks to all as well as providing peace of mind. Please find attached the consent form which needs to be completed by all parents/students Friday 8th January.
<https://forms.gle/5emNe2zMHC871LHv5>

Home learning with QAC

QAC will continue to ensure that learning is still delivered in your home. Staff have been working on exciting ways to engage you in learning and to check on your learning even although we won't see you in person. We will offer your timetabled therapies and mentoring remotely either via video call or telephone conversations.

We understand that there will be so many students who are disappointed not to be back to college and we will continue to support them and their understanding about why we have had to make these decisions.

Your usual transport arrangements will be in place, once you have had confirmation of the start date and days in college from Jan or Kanchan.

We have received some lovely emails of support and showing understanding from many of you, thank you. We continue to work hard to make complex plans in an ever changing world and we really do appreciate your support and hope that you are all well.

As always, please do email if you have any questions.

Best wishes

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