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Dear Learners, Parents/Carers,

Ref: College Contact Days & Home Learning 2020

I'm pleased to say that staff and learners have welcomed the opportunity to resume face to face contact last week and fully embraced the new guidance and approach to observing everyone's safety and learning. It was great to see everyone looking so well.

I would like to thank everyone involved in the return to sites, including learners, families, staff and members of the Ridge Supporters who have supported the college.

I keep reminding us all that this is a phased approach in our return to college sites the delivery and it is still filled with caution as we all continue to put first everyone's safety.

The road map message from the Government is constantly being updated. I will keep the strategy for the college's delivery of education constantly under review to safeguard the health and wellbeing of our staff, learners and families.

Home learning will continue through the remainder of this term that will end on the 10th July 2020. To support our farmers, we are supporting 'Farming Fortnight', and a pack with interesting things to do is attached to this letter.

This year we will be postponing our 'Awards Night' which is our end of term celebration and an opportunity for everyone to share the learners' achievements. The event will not support the current guidance and we will look to celebrate learners' achievement in some way as soon as we can.

Some weekly reminders,

To help keep us safe as we all use social media and internet platforms more, there is an update from NOS (National Online Safety). This is still on the website for anyone who hasn't seen it.

Staff will continue to support learners with virtual learning if appointments are booked. Staff have marked all the work learners have returned up to last week. Marking feedback now forms part of our weekly calls to learners and photographs of the marking are being sent out to learners.

Virtual learning via 'Whats App' with our teaching staff is available every day between 9am & 3pm. If you would like support with your learning this week please book a teaching slot. Please contact Kerry or Sam on their numbers below.

Teaching staff are available Monday to Friday this week between 9am and 3pm for learners/parents and carers who are continuing their learning on:

Stuart Vaughan, Head of Curriculum-	07903513057
Kerry Richardson, Functional Skills Co-Ordinator-	07919168566
Samantha Everatt, Teacher-	07900043137

Social Zooming sessions to support our social engagement are a roaring success, those learners joining the sessions have lots of fun. The success of social zooming means this is now a weekly event at 11 am every Thursday. Please let us know if anyone else wants to join in and the team will send you a link via email to join the session. This week's theme is 'bingo'!

The virtual After College Club will be being launched from week commencing 13th July 2020 to help learners and families through the summer holiday. More information will be released over the next few weeks.

If you have any queries regarding welfare or support, please contact Mel or Sharon at any time:

Melanie Atkin, Head of College-	07950389874
Sharon McCusker, Transitions, Data and Pastoral Manager-	07429943136

If parents want to catch up with other parents, there is the 'Group' page on the college face book page. This helps you to keep in touch with each other and share experiences.

The teaching team will be continuing home calls every Friday to discuss feedback on the weekly activities but we are available during the week for any concerns on the numbers detailed above.

The team is working on the plans for September 2020 and full details of the new college year will be announced shortly.

We would like to thank you all again for your support at this unprecedented time and if anyone wants to discuss any aspect of college life please contact me.

I hope that everyone is staying safe.

Best wishes to all our families at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

Melanie Atkin
Head of College