



## The Ridge Employability College

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Date: 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Dear Learners, Parents/Carers,

Ref: The Ridge launches 'Advent' in Tier 3

The latest news from the Government regarding Covid 19 is that England moves out of lockdown this week but Doncaster has been placed in the highest tier, Tier 3 to help keep us safe over the next few weeks.

This means the college remains **OPEN** until we close for Christmas on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

At this time, I can confirm that we have no reported cases of Covid 19 in the college. We are monitoring cases of reported illness and where necessary erring on the side of caution to minimise any risk to learners and staff.

Everyone is encouraged to continue observing the 'Hands Face Space' guidance and staff will continue to wear face coverings at all times. Learners are encouraged to wear them too but this is personal choice as per SEN guidance but they must be worn on all college transport unless exempt.

We will still be delivering teaching in our HUB structures in line with current guidance to keep us all safe, but we have various events during December that will be delivered within guidance but will help us all to celebrate Christmas.

We will be sending out a list of virtual events over the next 3 weeks where you are welcome to join in the fun.

There will be fundraising opportunities to support our 'Good Cause' for December and this is the 'Doncaster Star Appeal'. We have sponsored a star that is going to be displayed outside Doncaster Royal Infirmary this week to light up Doncaster. This is to support all the NHS staff who have supported families this year and to remember those who are not with us this Christmas.

Our target is to raise £500 this month and we would be grateful for anyone's support. The staff and ridge supporters have been working hard to bring together some wonderful prizes for our raffles and please don't be shy when the opportunity to sponsor your favourite staff elf comes along. Our very own 'Elf Day' takes place on 15<sup>th</sup> December where your chosen member of staff will dress as an elf for the whole day! You will be invited to share lunch with the Elf and join in Bingo. Donations and raffle tickets can be requested via your HUBs.

I will continue to monitor situations that impact the college and email and text will continue to be used to communicate information to you to ensure everyone has the latest information as

quickly as possible. My letters to the college community will also continue to be released to you via the website and email as events dictate.

The HUBs will continue to communicate day to day news to keep you informed of developments in the HUBs, if you have any queries please contact your HUB lead, Mel or Sharon at any time.

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The college offices remain closed to visitors. Reception is open for any general queries by calling 01302 897445.

The messages from the government are constantly being updated with regards health and education. I will continue to review the strategy for the college's delivery of education in order to safeguard the health and wellbeing of our learners, families and staff

I will inform you directly of any changes in our approach as soon as they are known and full details will be displayed on our website. If I can ask that everyone refer to the site for the latest news.

I hope we can all stay safe by observing guidance that is shared via the college from the Local Authority and Public Health England, I do appreciate at times this can be difficult. Please continue to work together to stay safe and thank you for your continued support at this time. If you have any queries, please contact me but I hope we can all enjoy some of the fun activities planned this month together. Thanks you again for all your continued support.

Best wishes

Mel



Melanie Atkin  
Head of College  
Director



# TIER 3

# VERY HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

<b>MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY</b> 	<b>BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS</b> 	<b>RETAIL</b> 	<b>WORK AND BUSINESS</b> 
<p>No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).</p>	<p>Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.</p>	<p>Open.</p>	<p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
<b>EDUCATION</b> 	<b>INDOOR LEISURE</b> 	<b>ACCOMMODATION</b> 	<b>PERSONAL CARE</b> 
<p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	<p>Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.</p>	<p>Closed (with limited exceptions)</p>	<p>Open.</p>
<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b> 	<b>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS</b> 	<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b> 	<b>PLACES OF WORSHIP</b> 
<p>We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.</p>	<p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.</p>	<p>Indoor venues closed.</p>	<p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
<b>TRAVELLING</b> 	<b>EXERCISE</b> 	<b>RESIDENTIAL CARE</b> 	<b>LARGE EVENTS</b> 
<p>Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.</p>	<p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	<p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	<p>Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.</p>

**Find out what support you can get**

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

**If you have any coronavirus symptoms:**

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough  
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

**Get a test and stay at home**

For more information and detailed guidance visit: [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

