

## **Returning to Learning successfully**

Preston's College working hard to get back to a 'new normal' for learners.

Classrooms have already been laid out with 2 metre distancing between workstations, and some of these will need to be adjusted as needed moving forward. Changes will be minimised as much as possible, and "our thanks go out to colleagues in Estates and Facilities for the fabulous work they are undertaking to create safe environments". We are advising that it is important that, once layouts are finalised, desks and chairs are not moved. Teaching spaces will be set up to allow adequate social distancing, which will be put at risk if furniture is moved. The College has obtained ace visors purchased for all learner facing staff and 16 to 18 year olds.

In rooms where the layout dictates 1m+ social distancing, it will be mandatory to wear a face covering. These rooms will be clearly marked. In rooms where 2m social distancing is possible, we recommend that face coverings are worn but will not make this mandatory. This will be reviewed regularly.

An extensive one way system has been put in place and a short video has been made to show staff and students how to get around the buildings safely. Hand sanitiser stations have been included in public areas and is mandatory to be put on as you walk into the College. Temperature checks have been introduced to anyone coming into reception. The college has adapted and approaching the new academic year through a blended learning curriculum model.

In order for this approach to be successful it is imperative that all staff and students are able to access and use our digital learning platforms. Following enrolment all students have been provided with access to a digital induction which includes accessing and using Canvas, Teams and Office 365 as well as online safety and a virtual tour. Staff have now been granted access to the digital mandatory training module due for completion Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September This includes modules on Canvas, Teams, Office 365 and ProMonitor.

All this highlighting the hard work and dedication by the college to get learners back in to high quality learning and career progression.