

Remote Education Offer

Introduction

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is an unprecedented challenge for Intuitions and the traditional approach to delivering education. The impact of the pandemic has necessitated many learners learning from home, and this may continue to be the case in the near future in line with legal requirements and guidance in place to tackle the virus. We have responded to this with a strong and proactive commitment to providing remote education in challenging and uncertain circumstances. Intuitions is committed in its compliance with all guidance provided by the government.

Remote Education Availability

National / regional lockdown

Remote education is made available to all cohorts of learners regardless of their age and type of provision.

Remote theory teaching and learning is delivered via virtual platforms such as Google Classroom and SmartScreen and facilitated via zoom and Skype.

Due to the nature of our industry, remote practical education is limited however demonstrations on technical skills continue remotely using Google Classroom, SmartScreen, You Tube and videos made available by various hair/beauty companies and product manufacturers.

All learners are provided with timetables and education continues to take place on their 'usual' day. Each day is clearly structured allowing for direct educator input as well as individual support.

Where education centres are permitted to open

All theory and practical education resumes face to face with hairdressing learners attending every fortnight and beauty learners weekly. All guidelines concerning close contact services and PPE requirements are being followed including the wearing of face masks/visors in theory and communal areas.

Where individual learners have to self-isolate and are therefore unable to attend the centre in person, they can connect to the session remotely and 'participate live' via zoom. Equally, they can observe from home any practical sessions taking place within the centre via zoom using their hair/beauty kits.

Delivery Arrangements

Remote delivery continues to meet each learner's planned timetable date.

Delivery Methods

Theoretical Education	Google Classroom Zoom Skype SmartScreen Microsoft Teams
Practical Education	Google Classroom Zoom You Tube Social Media Platforms Microsoft Teams
Group and 1 – 1 Discussion	Zoom Skype Telephone
Learner/Employer Review	Zoom Telephone

Assessment

Assessment of theoretical knowledge will continue to take place within the centre where government guidelines allow.

Assessment of practical skills can be conducted using audio video evidence where learners have safe access to a model, i.e. a family member within their household. We will provide, where safe to do so, tools, equipment and products to allow audio visual assessments to be completed within the household.

Where this is not possible assessment arrangements will be paused until access to the centre is allowed and government guidelines advise that close contact services can be resumed.

End Point Assessment

All EPA's in Hairdressing/Barbering and Beauty Therapy are suspended during national lockdown as per City&Guilds and government guidelines.

Expectations of Learners

We expect all learners to:

- Attend all virtual platform education planned within their expected attendance day at the centre
- Complete all home learning tasks within the required timeframe as set by their educator
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- Attend all virtual reviews at the time planned with their reviewer
- All apprentices are expected to meet their 20% off the job training requirement for the purposes of remaining in 'active' learning
- All apprentices timetabled for additional support must participate in their sessions and complete homework within the required timeframes

Learners with Additional Learning Support

During remote education delivery learners with ALS will continue to receive the support identified within their individual learning plan including additional one to one education for English and maths.

Support for Learners without Devices and/or Connectivity

Where a learner cannot connect to virtual education, learning materials will be posted in hard copy with the addition of telephone support.

The government has stated that there is no support scheme in place to support apprentices with purchase of ICT equipment.

Learner/Employer Review

Reviews continue to take place remotely every 8 to 10 weeks. This includes feedback from the employer wherever possible.

Safeguarding

All learners continue to have access to safeguarding officers either via telephone or email. Learners can also contact us via social media at any time.

This policy will be reviewed in line with changing circumstances affecting the progress of the pandemic. The Director of Intuitions is responsible for implementation of our policy concerning remote education.