



**Lockerbie
Academy**



*Dumfries
& Galloway*
COUNCIL

BA/CM

25 August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

S5 COLLEGE COURSES AND FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS

Your son/daughter is currently studying a College Academy Course or Foundation Apprenticeship through Dumfries and Galloway College. Normally students would be transported to and from Dumfries & Galloway College, have a Dumfries & Galloway College lecturer deliver the course here at Lockerbie Academy, or attend the Bridge in Dumfries to undertake whichever course they have selected. Currently, this is not possible and we must be flexible, for the time being, about how students access these courses which are being delivered virtually via a platform online to all students.

A number of young people and families have asked if it would be possible to study at home and we agree with the reasoning behind this:

- Some pupils find it difficult to access an online course with other students in the same room, many undertaking different courses at the same time
- Students may wish to use ICT equipment they have at home rather than using the school system or bringing in a mobile, tablet or other ICT device to carry out the work on
- Based on recent experience, some pupils feel better able to study at home

We are therefore proposing to trial this until October in the first instance. However, once the form has been submitted, this must be adhered to – we are not able to operate a signing in/out system to avoid cross-contamination. If intending to be here, pupils must be here. If intending to study from home, that must happen. We will pre-mark our attendance system and need accuracy for safety (especially fire-safety). Students must be in school for all other classes.

Please complete our online form using the following link by 10am on **Friday 28th August 2020**. After this time it will be assumed that the student will remain in school full time. We will groupcall you once our attendance system has been updated and confirm with you the start date for College offsite learning. We would hope it will start from next week.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKQykjlpJceVDICavemGZhRZUNUhKTUIMSTREN1YzVklyVERSTkxBVEY3RS4u>

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