

Frequently Asked Questions: Dartford Science and Technology College lockdown

FAQ	Answer
Can my daughter collect an item from school?	Sorry but no - the school is closed.
My child has a public exam over the lockdown - will this go ahead?	Yes - these involve only a few students from the same bubble and will be carefully and safely run.
Have staff and students been wearing masks?	All staff and students are expected to wear masks in communal areas. We will be even more insistent on this on our return. Please ensure your child has more than one mask in case this is lost, soiled or broken. A separate plastic bag is needed to keep the mask safely when not in use.
If my daughter is in Year 7 or 8 or 9 or 10 does she need to self isolate?	YES - until the 23rd November, please follow the self isolation rules on the letter sent home to you.
If my daughter is in Year 7 or 8 or 9 or 10 do the family need to isolate?	Not unless your daughter shows symptoms. Then follow advice and get her tested.
My child is in Year 11 or Post 16 can they go out?	In theory yes to exercise as no one in these year groups have had a positive case reported to DSTC. However with the number of cases around and the national lockdown we think they will be best placed to stay home safe and work hard.
If my child tests positive during this period, do I need to tell the school?	YES - please email donna.smith@dstc.kent.sch.uk
Why does it look like no one is observing social distancing when the girls enter the school grounds?	Students are in 'pens' when they enter the school along the pathway so all girls in Year 8 are together etc. Year 11 wait outside the gate so they may look like they are congregating but are in their own

	<p>bubble. They do all have different drop off/entry times but due to public transport may be early. It does look like a long queue but it is well managed. We will be suggesting that all students wear masks as they enter the site now.</p>
<p>Does my daughter/son need to get tested?</p>	<p>Students do not need to get tested UNLESS they show symptoms. Please inform the school as above with a positive result.</p>
<p>What if students are having trouble accessing Google Classroom?</p>	<p>Please email Joanna.donegan-edwards@dstc.kent.sch.uk</p>
<p>What if my daughter / son is spending too much time on a piece of work?</p>	<p>Please look at the teacher instructions and spend the correct amount of time on a task (1 hour lessons). If in doubt message your teacher on Google Classroom.</p>
<p>What if I have a safeguarding concern about a student?</p>	<p>Email our Designated Safeguarding Lead/ Vice Principal, Mrs Ellis - Deborah.ellis@dstc.kent.sch.uk with your concerns and a contact phone number and she will coordinate a member of the Safeguarding Team to contact you.</p>
<p>My daughter/son is struggling with their mental health - what can I do to support them?</p>	<p>Mrs Ellis will reshare local (& national) support services that Year 7-11 students may find useful. Post 16 students were emailed on 10.11.2020.</p>
<p>Will my child be given homework?</p>	<p>This is at the teacher's discretion, students are advised to complete all work set. If students have time we strongly encourage them to read widely, including newspapers and appropriate online articles.</p>

<p>My daughter claims free school meals. Can DSTC help with food during the time they are not in school?</p>	<p>We will be in contact with FSM students parents ASAP to let you know what we are able to provide.</p>
<p>My family is struggling during this second lockdown. Is there any help out there for me?</p>	<p>Kent Together should be your first port of call: 03000419292 or online: https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/coronavirus/kent-together</p>