

# **ROLLING UPDATE 06 January 2021: COVID-19**

Following the Government's announcement at 8.00pm on 4th January we will continue to remain open to support keyworkers in our communities, customers and apprentices who need to access our support and training services unless other informed by the Government, DVSA, ESFA or DfE.

#### Apprentices -

The GTA will closed for most apprentices on Monday 4th January 2021 for one week as planned due to Government advice released at the end of December. With the latest Government announcement this means that the period of one week has now been extend until at least 15th February. Therefore, apprentices are asked to stay at their employers within this initial time frame if safe to do so. We will ensure that education and training will be able to continue through virtual/distance learning and other appropriate arrangements. You will be contacted with further information if not already.

In order to ensure we are here to support our apprentices, we aim to keep our learning centres and other support services open and available, to those apprentices who need them most, such as but not limited to Apprentices of key workers and/or vulnerable children.

## Apprentice Employers –

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## Private Training & Logistics Courses -

Due to the nature of our training delivery being in the transport and repair sector i.e., those who will keep air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the Covid-19 response, we will continue to deliver these courses. The safety of our learners and staff is our utmost priority therefore we will be limiting course bookings to a maximum of 6 delegates per course and stopping our LGV training until at least mid-February.

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As per Government recommendations we incorporate a COVID secure learning environment for all staff, apprentices, customers, and visitors. See our COVID-19 policy on our website for further information.

We are closely monitoring the situation as it continues to evolve. Further updates will be posted on our website and via our social media channels.

As usual please get in-touch if you are unsure how this may affect you.

Thank you for your patience and understanding, again at this difficult time.

Kind regards

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