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## To all Parents and Carers of young adult students who attend Phoenix College.

As you will be aware by now we have taken the difficult decision to move all our education to remote learning during the Lockdown which has been given as a directive by the government

We are all too aware of the dangers of COVID and we have been over many months following the government guidance around Hand – Face - Space etc. we want to do our best to continue to keep people safe during this period of lockdown by continuing to support the national efforts around COVID safety <u>https://www.gov.uk</u>

Obviously, we totally understand that for some students this will be a difficult transition and it will I am sure not be straight forward for anyone involved.

I would like to assure you all that we will be doing everything we can to cater for the education, wellbeing and mental health of our students so that they still feel engaged with us.

We have taken this decision as you are aware from the phone calls you have had with the Class Teachers based on certain criteria

- Is the student from a key worker family where there is no other person that can support them?
- Is there a safeguarding risk at home that means they would be safer in this lockdown engaging with the College face to face and not via remote learning?

What we have put in place is a comprehensive package of remote learning to include communication activities, fitness and fun, engaged learning via zoom but also well-being and pastoral support calls that will enable us to support you and our students.

You will see from the schedule below that it also includes where possible a chance for parents/carers to engage with us in a Zoom Coffee and Chat session where you can ask us questions or maybe ask for additional support with things that you might need or that concern you.

We will be engaging with our students every day in some form or another so that you can be assured we are supporting the students in the best way during this very difficult and concerning time for you, our students and our staff.

If you have any further matters you wish to discuss please contact me on my college email which is <u>robert.bates@phoenix.towerhamlets.sch.uk</u>



Robert Bates - Interim Principal at Phoenix College



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Phoenix College – Remote Learning Weekly Schedule 1.0				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>all staff</u> Zoom 09:30am	<u>all staff</u> Zoom 09:30am	<u>all staff</u> Zoom 09:30am	<u>all staff</u> Zoom 09:30am	<u>all staff</u> Zoom 09:30am
communication session with students (class based) <u>teacher Led</u> 11:00am		communication session with students (class based) <u>SLTTA led</u> 11:00am	Fitness session (all students) <u>Darren</u> 11:00am	Yoga session (all students) <u>Mo</u> 11:00am
	pastoral call <u>teachers</u> & parents 1:1 pastoral calls from 1pm		coffee meeting <u>Rob</u> open to all staff, students and parents 1:00pm	teachers to send home student work packs for the following week