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# Further education and apprenticeships: coronavirus firebreak guidance

**Guidance about further education and apprenticeships during the firebreak (from 6:00pm on Friday 23 October).**

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## Apprenticeships

### I'm doing an apprenticeship, how will that be affected?

Speak to your employer to check if there are any restrictions which mean you can't attend the workplace. If you are still at work, you can continue working towards your apprenticeship. Your assessor should stay in touch with you during this time, but won't be able to visit you between 23 October and 6 November.

If you were due to attend college for "off the job" training between 23 October and 6 November, that will be moved online or postponed. Please contact your assessor for further advice.

### I'm doing a traineeship course, how will that be affected?

Whether you are in a training centre or on a work placement, your course will move to online only for two weeks starting on 26 October. Your tutor will be able to give you more information and should stay in regular contact with you. If you can't learn online for any reason, contact your tutor who should be able to put arrangements in place for you to continue your course. If you were due to start a new work placement between 23 October and 6 November, that will be postponed until after the firebreak.

### Why are college and traineeship courses moving to online only over this period?

Over the last few weeks, we have seen an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. As a result, the First Minister has announced a short "firebreak" to help ensure that people stay at home wherever possible, in order to control the spread of the virus. Colleges and training providers will be moving to remote learning during this period, which includes half term for learners at college, so that learners and staff can stay at home and help to keep everyone safe.

## Further education

### I'm not able to learn online, what should I do?

Speak to your tutor or assessor. Your college or provider may be able to help by loaning you a laptop, or if this isn't possible, should provide you with work that you can complete while you're at home.

### I'm due to resit GCSEs in the first week of November, is this still going ahead?

Yes, GCSE resits are still going ahead as planned and you will be able to attend college for your exam. This is also the case for university entrance exams and some other assessments. Contact your college for more information on exam and assessment arrangements.

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