

Communication to Partners: 23rd November 2020

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your continued support with our Hope trainees during this unprecedented time. We are very grateful for all that you are doing to help them and recognise how much you have done to welcome them into your community.

As you will be aware the Government is committed to ensuring that students that have been living away from home are able to return home at the end of term, if they choose to do so. Liverpool Hope is committed to supporting them to ensure that this is possible, whilst mitigating the risk of transmission of the virus to students, staff and the communities that they return to.

For those students currently completing a professional placement unfortunately this means their placement will end for the winter term on **Friday 4th December 2020**. Please be assured this change will **NOT** impact on their ability to complete the course.

For those students living at home professional placement will continue until Friday 18th December 2020.

For PGCE Early Years and Primary, MEd and Years 1 and 2, the university has also made arrangements to mitigate risk for their safe return after the Christmas break. This will include an extended period on campus before starting placement allowing for testing and subsequent isolation where necessary. Therefore, all placements scheduled for January will now commence on **Monday January 11th 2021**.

I appreciate that this news is disappointing, but the changes are as you will appreciate to support trainees to be with family and loved ones over the festive period. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you require any further information.

Thank you again for your support, flexibility and positive approach to working with our Hope teachers. It is very much appreciated.

Michelle Pearson
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