



Covid-19 Update 12/11/2020

Class attendance/ Exam success/ Testing

In the interest of safety for staff and apprentices we will continue to deliver all classes remotely by Zoom for a further two weeks, to fit in line with the national lockdown. Examinations will take place as planned. Apprentices scheduled to attend the training centre for classes should please attend the sessions via Zoom.

We have taken this decision due to the high rates of Covid-19 locally and in the veterinary sector. It also fits in with decisions taken by some veterinary groups to only allow remote attendance.

I fully understand that many apprentices, as well as tutors, will be disappointed at this extension of remote learning. I assure you we will do all we can to enable class attendance to resume in December.

We are delighted to report that the September 2019 cohort of veterinary nursing apprentices at both sites who have recently taken Paper 3 (Anatomy and Physiology) and Paper 1 have achieved outstanding results with 100% pass in paper 3 and 95% in paper 1. Congratulations to them all.

We would encourage all apprentices in Merseyside to take part in the local Covid-19 testing programme, our Merseyside resident staff have been tested with negative results. If any apprentice either tests positive or is required to self-isolate they are entitled to a minimum of statutory sick pay for every day, they are off work at a rate of £94.25 per week: <https://help.apprenticeships.education.gov.uk/hc/en-gb/articles/360013086160-Take-time-off-sick-because-of-coronavirus-COVID-19->

We would like to remind all employers and apprentices to keep us informed of any suspected / confirmed cases of Covid 19 in the practice. This will inform our decision making and enable us to plan appropriate support for apprentices.

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