

COVID-19 safety for students – Learn safely with the WEA

The WEA is committed to keeping all of our students, tutors and staff safe during COVID-19.

We know many of you are keen to return to classrooms and we have begun putting on some classroom based learning from September.

We know too that some people are not comfortable returning to the classroom just yet, so we will continue to deliver many of our courses online. We've got a great selection to choose from – click [here](#) to see them

To help us keep you and all our other students and staff safe in the classroom, we have put together some information (click here) as well as the following guidance. The information applies to indoor and outdoor activities.

What you can do: Please follow the guidance below for your safety and the safety of others. There may be additional guidance in place for your course and/or course venue. Details of this will be included in your course information and/or provided by the tutor.

	<p>You will need to enrol in advance of the course start date. You can do this online or by telephoning our support team on 0300 303 3464.</p> <p>Unfortunately we will not be able to admit you if you arrive on the day without having already enrolled.</p>
	<p>If you have been identified as clinically vulnerable please follow the government guidelines regarding travel and group gatherings for those who are clinically vulnerable.</p>
	<p>Do not attend class if you feel unwell, or have any COVID-19 symptoms. This includes a high temperature, a cough or any changes to your sense of smell or taste.</p> <p>Do not attend class if you have been advised to self-isolate or if you live with someone who has COVID or COVID symptoms. If you arrive at the class unwell or with a temperature we will unfortunately not be able to admit you into the class.</p>
	<p>If you live in an area that has a local lockdown or restrictions in place, please follow the local guidance, even if the course venue is in a different area not affected by local lockdown.</p>
	<p>Please arrive for your class on time. Do not arrive early. If your class is indoors and you do arrive early you will need to wait for the tutor to admit you into the classroom. If you arrive early you will need to follow the social distancing rules and any 'waiting spot' rules in place at the venue, or wait at a safe distance from others if your class is taking place outdoors.</p> <p>When your class has finished please leave the venue/area promptly.</p>
	<p>Please bring a face covering with you. You will need to wear a face covering when you enter the class or venue and when you move around</p>

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	<p>it. In most cases you will not need to continue wearing a face covering during class, but some classes may require this – if this applies the course information you are sent or provided to you by the tutor will make this clear.</p>
	<p>Your temperature will be taken by your tutor upon arrival to the class. This will be done at a safe distance and using a contact free digital thermometer. If you have a temperature above 37.8 degrees you will not be able to join the class that day.</p>
	<p>You must wash or sanitise your hands when arriving at the venue (for indoor classes) and regularly during the course, using the hand sanitiser dispensers and handwashing facilities that are available at the venue and in the class.</p>
	<p>You will need to bring your own pens and any other small items of equipment needed for the course. If your course uses large items of equipment, for example computers for ICT classes, you will be assigned one of these and equipment will be sanitised between uses.</p>
	<p>Please bring your own drink with you to class. If your course lasts several hours and you require other refreshments e.g. a snack, please bring these with you too as catering facilities will be unavailable at most of our course venues.</p>
	<p>Please comply with all social distancing signs, layouts, entry and exit points and routes, and other COVID-19 arrangements that are in place for the WEA course and at the course venue.</p>
	<p>Avoid physical contact with others during your class and whilst you are on site.</p>
	<p>If you have any COVID safety concerns during your class and/or regarding the course venue, please let your tutor know as soon as possible.</p>
	<p>We are committed to keeping you safe during your class. If we have to make any changes to the class due to COVID we will let you know as far in advance as possible.</p>