SAFE COMMUNITY CHARTER

Since March 2020 our community has faced unprecedented and extraordinary challenges. As we move towards greater freedom and a return to normality we must all work together to support each other, to be mindful of our personal and collective responsibilities and circumstances and to behave with respect, compassion and consideration.

This means following rules on our campuses that protect our community and enable us to provide as full a campus experience as possible, ensuring our unique environments (including teaching and research spaces) remain safe.

Your Commitment

We ask you to demonstrate the highest standards of behaviour, showing respect, compassion and consideration towards your fellow students, University staff and members of the local community.

You should always:

- respect the safety of others in the community including fellow students, University staff and our neighbours

- act inclusively, and in line with our Dignity and Respect policy, showing empathy, respect and due consideration to others at all times

- be aware that people may have their own individual concerns and anxieties in relation to returning to greater freedoms and interacting with others

- follow the latest Government guidance and any local COVID-19 procedures

- take every reasonable effort to minimise the risk of the spread of COVID-19

- actively engage with test and trace systems

- where possible, actively engage with the government's vaccination programme

- follow any special procedures which may be required in the event of a lockdown or outbreak of COVID-19 cases

Our Commitment to You

We will:

- Take appropriate measures and put in place a system of controls to mitigate the risk of the spread of COVID-19 including:
  - making available face coverings for all members of our community with details on how to use these effectively
  - providing robust cleaning arrangements
  - supporting effective hand hygiene by maintaining multiple hand sanitiser points across our campuses
  - using a holistic framework of controls to support the use of our spaces on campus
  - actively engaging with test and trace systems
  - providing you with access to and information around vaccination to enable engagement
  - supporting students to self-isolate in their own accommodation whenever needed

- Endeavour to ensure members of our community are aware of and abide by the latest Government guidance and any local COVID-19 procedures

- Regularly assess the risk of the spread of COVID-19 on our campuses

- Work actively to contain any outbreak on our campuses acting in conjunction with national and local Public Health authorities

Detailed and careful work is being undertaken to ensure we are able to welcome everyone back to our campuses in a safe and secure manner. On our campuses this means taking a flexible approach which enables us to adapt and respond to changing, and potentially challenging, scenarios, including potential COVID-19 outbreaks and/ or local lockdowns.