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# 2021/22 Covid Recovery Commitments



**Here to support individuals, communities and employers achieve their ambitions and recover as quickly as possible from the pandemic.**



As a key anchor institution in the Solent, South Hampshire and Central South region we recognise our responsibility to both lead and proactively collaborate to champion and support Covid recovery and growth. Our campuses are readily accessible, and [Eastleigh College Online](#) launched in April 2021 extends our reach far beyond our geographic footprint. We continue to prioritise funding for our region, as such we have the infrastructure and resources to positively and influentially contribute to regional recovery. Our 2021/22 Eastleigh College Covid Recovery Commitments build on our successful Covid-19 Bounce Back Pledge that was [launched in July 2020](#).

Collaboration is at the core of our approach to Covid recovery. Since July 2020 the College has worked with over 900 employers with over 35 employers [formally supporting](#) the College's pledge. We have worked with regional education and training providers to develop clear, up-to-date and unbiased information on where and how employers can access funding and financial incentives to upskill their workforce and succession plan. In addition the College is a core partner of the proposed [Solent Institute of Technology](#) that has the ambition to extend higher level education and training opportunities across the region. It is our ambition that our Covid recovery commitments will see our employer network continue to grow, whilst also further strengthening our existing employer partnerships.

We will continue to train the future workforce of the region, as well as training the current workforce, our support also extends to those who lose their jobs, or who need to retrain or upskill. Our commitments 'guarantee' places for learners on a wide range of our provision, by making these 'guarantees' we are seeking to provide reassurance and certainty for individuals and communities that the College is here for them to pursue their ambitions and goals.

During the pandemic we have also invested in our facilities for learners. Some of this investment has been on our unseen areas, but has also included the development of our new Learner Hub. This new facility is located directly from our canteen area and has been designed to the highest standard to provide learners with a professional and aspirational environment whether using the space independently or with peers. The new facility has also enabled us to centrally locate every service that any of our learners may need during their time with us – truly a "one stop shop". In addition, we continue to invest in our digital infrastructure and resources so as learners can seamlessly study whether at campus or elsewhere.

Any individuals or organisations who are interested in joining forces to help deliver or simply support the commitments can email [experts@eastleigh.ac.uk](mailto:experts@eastleigh.ac.uk) or use **#covidrecovery** tagging Eastleigh College on social media.



**Paul Cox**  
Chief Executive and Principal

# Our Commitments



A guaranteed place for all eligible full time 16-18 students whether school, or College leaver whose ambition is to pursue a professional or technical career through one of our courses.



A guaranteed place for all eligible adults wanting to enrol on one of our flexible, supportive and high quality full or part time Access or Higher Education (HE) courses.



That we will maintain the capacity to train a minimum of 500 new apprentices.



That we will develop skills and succession plan guides for a range of sectors to support employers upskill their workforce and succession plan.



Further extend the opportunities available through Eastleigh College Online as well extending our range of flexible and blended adult courses.



Continue to provide a Covid secure learning environment that combined with our proven ability to deliver learning online will enable us to deliver all of our planned provision irrespective of any future restrictions due to the pandemic.

# Top ten reasons to choose Eastleigh College

We have a 60 year' heritage of successfully delivering high quality technical and professional education, training and apprenticeships.



Current government data ranks Eastleigh College in the top 10 colleges nationally – and the best in Hampshire – for student achievement.



We have been commended in three categories at the 19/20 and 20/21 Association of Colleges Beacon Awards for Careers and Enterprise, Employer Engagement and Support for Students.



At our latest Ofsted inspection we received an overall effectiveness rating of good, which reflects the hard work and dedication we give to those who choose to develop and learn with us.



## 93%

of learners would recommend us to a friend.

## 95%

of our learners went on to university, work or an apprenticeship after completing their course with us.

We have been awarded the Matrix standard by the Department for Education's (DfE) for ensuring the quality of the delivery of high-quality information, advice and guidance.



We are a member of the Career Colleges Trust network, equipping our learners with knowledge, experience and access to industry projects in sectors experiencing employment growth.



The recent National Centre for Diversity FREDIE Awards put Eastleigh College in 48th place in the Top 100 Most Inclusive Workplaces Index 2021.



We were the first technical and professional college in Hampshire to achieve the new national Quality in Careers Standard, awarded by Investor in Careers.

