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Your plans for September 2020

Firstly, I know things have been incredibly difficult recently. COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has affected everyone and in these unprecedented times, no doubt things can seem unsettling, uncertain and confusing.

I would like to reassure you that both Kent County Council and The Education People are working tirelessly to provide the support and guidance you and many young people may need.

This letter explains what you should do to prepare for September 2020 and directs you to where you can find further information and advice. Please look for the statements below to see which fits your circumstance.

I have a place for September at a school or college

I did this using the KentChoices website. You will need to put any offers you have received or applications you have made into preference order (1st, 2nd, 3rd choice) by **22nd May 2020**. It is easy to do this by going to *My Applications* on your account. A quick guide is available from <https://tinyurl.com/KCPrefOffers>.

This is your KentChoices username: **[username]**

If you have forgotten your KentChoices password, use the *Forgot Your Password?* option or contact your school. If you're unable to do this, you can call **03000 419 176**, book a time to have your log in details issued at

<https://tinyurl.com/KCLoginResetBooking> or use our online form at <https://tinyurl.com/KCLoginReset>.

I did this by applying directly to a school or college. The school/college will be in touch if anything has changed since they last contacted you. If you are concerned, look at their website for updates or try contacting them by email. Responses from schools/colleges may be delayed due to the current circumstances, so please be patient.

I have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)

If you have an EHCP you **do not** need to put any KentChoices applications/offers in preference order. Your SEN Assessment and Placement Officer should be able to update you on any applications you have made. Their contact details are available from <https://tinyurl.com/EHCPKCC/>.

I am waiting for a response from a school or college

If you have applied using the KentChoices website, log in to check your messages. Otherwise, check the email account you put on your application. If there are no messages – do not worry – the school/college know that you have applied and will be in touch in due course. If you are concerned, you could visit the school/college website or send them an email.

I would like an apprenticeship

We advise that you seek advice and guidance from one of our team by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/SimplyBookIt>. You can also find more information about apprenticeships at www.ApprenticeKent.co.uk.

I haven't finished making plans for September

It's not too late to apply, as colleges and most schools are open for applications. Check www.KentChoices.co.uk and school websites to see whether they are still open for applications and their entry requirements before you apply. It is always a good idea to have a backup plan in place. You should apply using the KentChoices website where possible, but some schools may prefer applications directly through their website.

I still don't know what to do after Year 11

If you need some advice, you should try to contact your school in the first instance. If following that you need further help, call the National Careers Service hotline on 0800 100 900 or book a telephone appointment with one of our team by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/SimplyBookIt>.

Stay in touch

Kent County Council is required to stay in touch with young people for two years after Year 11 and provide free support and advice. To do this, The Education People will contact you at regular intervals. To find out more about how we do this, visit <https://tinyurl.com/TYPPN>.

We would really appreciate your time letting us know what your plans are for September 2020 by completing this online form at <https://tinyurl.com/2020WDYPTD>. Please use this reference number when completing the form: **[Reference]/LTY11**.

If you wish to get in touch with us about this letter, please feel free to:

- book a telephone call with one of our team by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/Yr11Booking>;
- email ParticipateKent@theeducationpeople.org; or
- text **07790 825 494**.

If you don't have internet access, please contact us by calling 03000 414 005 and one of our friendly team will be happy to support you.

For the latest information and guidance visit <https://tinyurl.com/Year11COVIDInformation>.

Finally, I wish you every success in your future and please do not hesitate to contact us if you need support, guidance or advice.

Yours sincerely



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