



My experience teaching during COVID-19



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■ Teaching from home

What are your top three tips for other educators in your position?

Don't be afraid to make mistakes and try new things

Try to keep structure

Don't be hard on yourself if you have a bad day

What things have you been doing to ensure that you're still facilitating learning at home?

My learners have generally been amazing, showing **resilience**, **flexibility** and **determination** - all the transferable skills we've been working hard to develop all year to prepare them for their next steps.

We're having more one to one chats and lessons are being delivered on teams, which include sharing presentations, quizzes, all the activities we would do in the classroom.

As a college we have signed out spare laptops to those who don't have everything they need to study at home.

How has coronavirus changed the way you work?

I have gone from having 20 Level 2 learners in the classroom to having them sat on my kitchen table (virtually of course!)

I have gotten more tech savvy (and my learners have helped me a number of times with this during the last few weeks). My relationship with other staff members at the college has been priceless, there is always someone to talk to and this should never be underestimated.

How have you looked after you and your learner's health and wellbeing outside of work?

My wife is a key worker in a hospital so I've taken on the role of house cook, as well as looking after our two teenage girls.

I've used Teams to keep in touch with my learners when they're struggling and referring them to student services for support.

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