



EDA COLLEGE

Student Protection Plan

Franchise Partnership with Birmingham Newman University

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this Student Protection Plan is to safeguard the interests and educational experience of all students at EDA College. As part of our franchise partnership with Birmingham Newman University, this plan is designed to align with the University's Student Protection Plan to ensure consistent and robust protection for students across both institutions in the event of unforeseen circumstances that may disrupt their studies.

2. Scope

This plan applies to all enrolled students (full-time, part-time, undergraduate) within EDA College under the franchise partnership with Birmingham Newman University. The plan addresses circumstances including, but not limited to:

- Course or Programme discontinuation.
- Institutional or campus closure.
- Major changes to Programme delivery or content.
- Loss of accreditation.

3. Triggering

The Student Protection Plan may be triggered for the following potential reasons:

- Termination of the partnership by Birmingham Newman University
- Course, department, location or campus closure
- The discontinuation of a subject or discipline
- Deregistration or suspension of registration (where suspensions put continuity of study at risk) or loss of Degree Awarding Powers
- Any other changes which may affect students' ability to continue their studies

4. Risk Assessment and Mitigation

EDA College, in partnership with Birmingham Newman University, has assessed the following risks and implemented mitigation strategies:

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation
Course/Programme discontinuation	Low	High	Develop teach-out plans, facilitated through Birmingham Newman University's support for student transfers to equivalent programmes.
Campus closure	Low	High	Identify alternative sites or transition students to Birmingham Newman University campuses or virtual learning platforms.
Loss of accreditation	Very Low	Very High	Maintain compliance with Birmingham Newman University's accreditation standards and regulatory reviews.
Significant changes to delivery	Medium	Medium	Regularly consult students and Birmingham Newman University to implement changes with minimal disruption.

5. Measures to Protect Students

In the event of a disruption, EDA College will work closely with Birmingham Newman University to ensure student protection through the following actions:

Programme Discontinuation

- Enable students to complete their programmes through teach-out arrangements facilitated by Birmingham Newman University.
- Provide transfer pathways to comparable programmes offered by Birmingham Newman University or other institutions.
- Refund unused tuition fees if no suitable alternative can be offered.



Campus Closure

- Relocate students to an alternative site, including Birmingham Newman University campuses, or offer virtual learning options.
- Provide financial and logistical support for relocation where appropriate.

Loss of Accreditation

- Transfer credits to Birmingham Newman University or other accredited institutions.
- Engage regulatory bodies to minimise student impact and ensure continuity of studies.

6. Communication Plan

EDA College and Birmingham Newman University will collaborate to ensure timely, clear, and transparent communication:

- **Timely Notifications:** Students will be informed of changes via email, portals, and announcements on both institutions' websites.
- **Support Channels:** Dedicated helplines and email support will be coordinated between EDA College and Birmingham Newman University.
- **Student Consultation:** Regular consultation with student representatives and the Birmingham Newman University Students' Union to address concerns and improve transparency.

7. Refund and Compensation Policy

If no satisfactory alternative can be provided, students may be eligible for:

- Full or partial tuition refunds prorated based on programme duration.
- Additional compensation in accordance with Birmingham Newman University's policies.

8. Implementation and Review

- **Implementation:** The Student Support/Registry team at EDA College, in collaboration with Birmingham Newman University, will oversee the enactment of this plan.



- **Review:** The plan will be reviewed annually alongside Birmingham Newman University's Student Protection Plan to ensure alignment and compliance with regulatory updates.

9. Contact Information

For assistance or additional information, students can contact:

EDA College Student Services: 0330 088 0332 | registry@edacollege.co.uk

Birmingham Newman University Student Services: studentsupport@newman.ac.uk