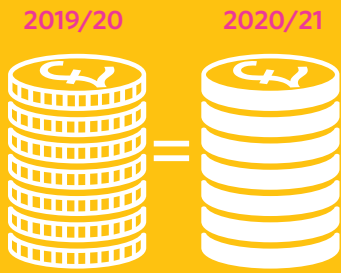
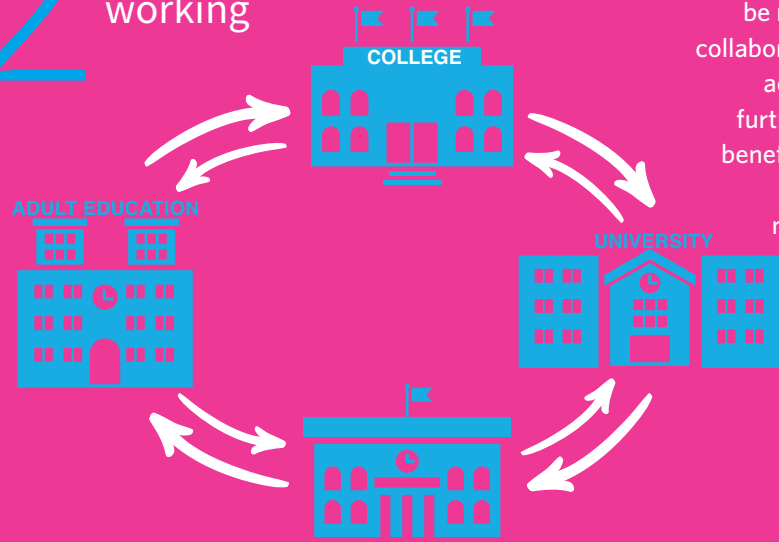


# 1 Maintain funding



The government must maintain current funding levels for all publicly-funded post-16 institutions.

# 2 Mandate collaborative working



Institutions should be required to work collaboratively together across higher and further education to benefit both students and the wider national interest.

# 3 Protect students

A return to normal operations in the autumn is not a sure thing - the government should convene representatives from the sector, including exam bodies, student groups and unions, to agree clear pathways for all learners.



# EDUCATION

THE UK NEEDS OUR UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES. AND WE NEED INVESTMENT NOW TO PROTECT OUR FUTURE.

SEVEN ACTION POINTS FOR GOVERNMENT:



# 4 Retain all existing staff



Recovery will depend on the retention of highly qualified teachers, researchers and professional support staff. Government and institutions must work to ensure capacity is retained and visas and research grants extended.

# 5 Prevent institution closures



Universities and colleges bring huge economic benefits and will be vital to economic recovery. Government must ensure that no further or higher education institution goes to the wall.

# 6 Reduce bureaucracy

Unhelpful sector wide assessment exercises which generate huge workload and little benefit should be cancelled to allow staff to focus on students, research and engagement.



# 7 Expand lifelong learning



A properly resourced lifelong learning strategy will be vital to economic recovery and will also help support those who have borne the brunt of the current crisis.