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Dear Parents and Carers.

## Re: Postponement of Year 10 provision

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. I am sure you will have caught the news briefings at the weekend. It seems that in this ever-changing landscape, Year 10 students should now not return to school until 15<sup>th</sup> June at the earliest.

The fact that our plan was flexible means that this does not affect our overall intention of provision, apart from the start date. As things stand our dates will transfer as follows:

Week 1 – staff induction – this will now begin on the week commencing **8<sup>th</sup> June**.

Week 2 – student induction – this is now scheduled for **15<sup>th</sup> June**. This is the first date we can have Year 10 students in school.

All other weeks of the plan will follow in sequence, as per the outline I sent to you last week.

The latest government guidance for secondary schools was released yesterday, on Bank Holiday Monday. In summary, this states the following:

- From the 15<sup>th</sup> June, schools can offer face to face support for up to a quarter of Year 10 at any one time.

Alongside this, secondary schools are asked to:

- continue providing full-time provision for vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers in all year groups (including year 10 and year 12)
- provide some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10 and year 12 pupils, **with a clear expectation that remote education will continue to be the predominant form of education delivery** for these year groups.
- continue to use best endeavours to support all other pupils remaining at home.

The government guidance also grants flexibility for schools, stating:

- . . . schools have the flexibility to implement face-to-face support for year 10 and year 12 pupils in the way that best suits their circumstances, including considerations around staff availability and workload. It is up to schools to decide how they want to use face-to-face support in the best interests of their pupils.

Our plan meets the requirements stipulated by the government guidance that has now been released, so we will continue to forge ahead with it at the appropriate time.

I hope this letter helps to clarify the current position of the government and how this affects us as a school community. If you have any questions, however, please do not hesitate to send them to [Y10covid@testbourne.school](mailto:Y10covid@testbourne.school).

Yours sincerely,

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