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Dear Year 1 Parents and Carers,

Further to our text to you on Monday, we have been evaluating the success of the systems implemented to enable the return of Year F. They aim to ensure compliance with Government guidelines to reduce the risk of the spread of the coronavirus and ensure the safety of both children and adults, as far as is possible. We have also been liaising with the Local Authority and our Governing Body on the logistics of inviting Year 1 children back to school, which I can now confirm will be possible from **Wednesday 17th June until Friday 10th July 2020**. The purpose of this letter is to provide details regarding the specific arrangements for Year 1 children to be able to return.

Firstly, please let me reassure you that we are putting a curriculum in place to aid the children's transition back to school. Please don't worry about what learning you have – or have not – done at home. Our initial priority will be to support the emotional wellbeing of the children following a hugely disruptive episode in their (and our) lives. In addition, we will be working to ensure that they are as ready as they can be to progress into Year 2 in September. Advice and ideas for learning at home will continue to be uploaded to our website.

The outline of the safety measures we are taking were listed in our letter sent on 20th May 2020, available to view on our website:

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Coronavirus+Information+and+Current+School+Communication&pid=75>

Those specific to Year 1 are included in the information below.

Please be aware that if the number of Key Worker children requiring childcare rises above our current capacity, we will have to withdraw our offer for Year 1 to return to school. In these circumstances, we will ensure that you have 1 weeks' notice that Year 1 children will have to return to learning at home, and not attend school.

Further Details for the Return of Year 1

- We will limit the number of children in each classroom to a maximum of 15 and re-arrange the layout of the classrooms to encourage distance between children. We acknowledge that this can never be the recommended 2m.
- Children will remain in their classroom groups (their 'bubble') throughout the school day to minimise mixing. This means that your child may not have their usual class teacher or support staff. There will be at least two staff allocated to each 'bubble'.
- Morning breaks and lunchtime breaks will be staggered and each classroom group (bubble) will have a designated play area – to minimise any mixing of groups.
- To enable us to implement staggered start times, the Year 1 school day will begin at **9:15am** – we will receive the children into the classroom from 9:05am onwards. To enable us to stagger arrival times on the school site, unless you are a Key Worker, please do not arrive at QI any earlier.
- To enable us to implement staggered finish times, the Year 1 school day will end at **3:05pm**. Please do not arrive on the school site before 3:00pm.
- We ask that only one parent accompanies their child to school to help implement appropriate social distancing for all adults and children.

- At lunchtime, all meals will be eaten in the classrooms. The kitchen will provide 'Lunch Box' meals as part of the Universal Free School meals for Year 1 - there will be no hot meal provision. The lunch box menu is on our website:
<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Meals&pid=87>
Children are welcome to bring their own packed lunches to eat within their classroom (bubble) group.
- If any child in a classroom group ('bubble') presents at school with possible coronavirus symptoms, they will be isolated immediately and sent home. The other children in that bubble may also need to be sent home to self-isolate for 14 days or until a negative test result is confirmed for the child with symptoms.
- If a member of staff has to self-isolate due to coronavirus symptoms, their 'bubble' group will be notified. All members of the group will need to self-isolate at home for 14 days or until a negative test result is confirmed for the member of staff.
- We ask that all children from different classroom groups (bubbles) maintain a 2m distance from each other before and after school.
- Parents are not be permitted inside the school building, other than for essential interactions with the school office which cannot be achieved by other means (i.e. telephone/email).
- We will not be opening the Aintree entrance to the site until further notice.
- We ask that the children wear their school uniform or suitable clothing in similar colours if items no longer fit.

This is a difficult and unprecedented situation, and we will do our very best to minimise the risk to children and adults. Despite this, however, we are unable to guarantee that children will not be exposed to the coronavirus (COVID-19). We understand that many of you will be anxious about returning your child to school and need make you aware that there will be no sanction if you choose not to take up the offer for your child to return to school at this time.

To assist us in assessing the number of children to expect, and their needs, we need you to **complete our online 'Returning to School' Registration and Questionnaire by 3pm on Friday 12th June 2020**, even if you are a Key Worker and your child has already been at school. Please visit:
<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/form/?pid=112&form=215>

Once we have received all of the questionnaire responses, we will be in touch with those of you who wish to return your children to Year 1 with further information.

Finally, we ask you to bear with us. We are doing our very best to cope with a challenging and changing situation. Due to the additional demands placed on staff, some of whom are themselves vulnerable, we may not be able to answer your calls and enquiries as promptly as we have been able to in the past. Please rest assured that the children are the heart of our school and we will continue to place their wellbeing first at all times.

You are welcome to use the 'contact us' form on our website if you have any further questions. I send my best wishes to every family at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely



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