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Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

As you may already be aware, Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, has asked schools to invite children from Year F, Year 1 and Year 6 to return to school full time. In my letter dated 20th May, I explained that we were implementing new systems and restructuring in order to meet Government guidelines for the safe return of these year groups. As directed by the Government, we have prioritised Year F, who are back in school and then Year 1, who have returned this week.

Being a primary school, we have been challenged by the logistical difficulties of inviting three year groups back to school full time while adhering to the safety guidance. Unfortunately, in making provision for the two youngest year groups to return full time and continuing to accommodate an increasing number of Key Worker children, we do not have the capacity to invite Year 6 back full time within the next few weeks.

We are deeply saddened and frustrated by this situation and if we had been allowed greater flexibility, you can be assured we would have invited Year 6 to return much earlier. Despite the constraints, we are determined to provide, at the very least, an opportunity for the children to end their journey at QI with their Year 6 teaching team and their friends before they move onto their secondary schools.

In consultation with Governors, we have reduced our offer to Year 1 in order to enable Year 6 to come back into school for the whole week of the 13th – 17th July. We would like to make this week in school as memorable and meaningful as possible for our Year 6 learners and hope that all of them will be able to join us for the week. Further details of the specific arrangements will be shared with you in the first week of July.

In the meantime, we will continue to provide Learning from Home on our website and include transition activities and information to help the children. Mr Caldwell and Mrs Carey will again be phoning each child in their class (who is not a Key Worker child) to find out how they are all getting on and to offer any further advice or support. We know how much the children enjoyed hearing from them last time! Please also see the message for the children included with this letter.

The summer term is always a bittersweet time for Year 6 staff, and indeed all those who have worked with our oldest children, as we celebrate their achievements and successes and recognise that they are leaving us after 7 years. It is especially difficult this year, so we hope that this will ensure a positive ending to a challenging time for us all.

Should you need to contact us in the meantime, please use the facility on our website:
<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/form/?pid=2&form=173>

I send my best wishes to you all and look forward to welcoming Year 6 back in a few weeks' time.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Allen