Queen's Inclosure Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following my letter of April 2020, which was enclosed with your registration pack, I would like to update you regarding the plans for your child to join us in Year F this September. Since we have not yet had guidance from the Government on this matter, the existing arrangements still stand and we are working on the basis that your child will start school in either the morning or afternoon on 14th September 2020.

Ordinarily, we would invite parents into school as a group for transition events but, as I am sure you will appreciate, this is still not possible due to the coronavirus pandemic. At present, our school is set up differently to allow us to implement Government guidance on social distancing in schools, to facilitate the attendance of Key Worker children and the current Years F and 1 in 'bubble' groups. Much as we would like to host our usual events, we cannot compromise the systems we have put in place to keep children and adults as safe as is possible. We are grateful for your understanding on this situation.

However, instead we will make every effort to share information with you by other means. Usually, the children would attend a 'Getting Ready 4 School' Taster Session and, later, a short visit on their own. We realise that there is no substitute for the experience of actually visiting the school, but we have put together a video tour of our Foundation setting to help familiarise the children. I am sure the children will enjoy watching the video with you and then they could spot the same places when you talk about the 'What can I do?' conversation between Molly and Cornelius (our QI Mascots). We would love to know if they enjoy this!

At the Parents' Welcome Evening, we would usually pass on key information, so we have set up a designated webpage for **Year F 2020** and will use this as a communication platform. Some of the information on this page you will have been seen before, while other material – including the virtual tour - will be new to you:

https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Year+F+2020&pid=131

Equally, while we cannot invite you to come in for your child to try uniform on, we are happy to process orders placed by email to <u>adminoffice@queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk</u>. Please ensure that you tell us your child's name, the items you require, the size, how many, and a contact telephone number to enable us to call you when your order is ready to collect. If possible, please pay by cheque made payable to 'HCC' on collection, although we can accept cash if you have the correct change. Details of our uniform and an order form (also attached with this letter) showing sizes and prices can be found on our website:

https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=58.

At our Lunch Taster Session, as well as sampling some of the food produced on site, information is usually shared about Hampshire County Council Catering Services (HC3S). Please look up their website, particularly the process to follow if your child requires a **special diet for medical reasons**:

https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/primaryschools/specialdiets

The dates we have set aside for home visits, between Monday 7th and Friday 11th September, still stand until we hear further from the Government. Please do bear with us in these uncertain times as it may not be until late August that we are in a position to communicate further with you about this.

Attached with this letter is:

- Molly and Cornelius 'What can I do?' Conversation to share with your child •
- Information for New Parents 2020-2021 •
- Uniform order form •

We will keep in touch with you, directly and through the webpage mentioned above. We also plan for our Foundation teachers to contact you by telephone and answer any questions you may have later this term. In the meantime however, if you have any questions or we can help in any way, please do get in touch using the contact facility on our website:

https://www.gueensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/form/?pid=2&form=222

I send my best wishes to you and your families and look forward to welcoming you to our school in September.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs J Allen Headteacher