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Dear Parents,

'National Anti-Bullying Week' - 16th to 20th November 2020

As some of you may be aware, next week is 'National Anti-Bullying Week'. Although we talk with the children about bullying throughout the year, we feel it is important to raise additional awareness by participating in this week. Some years ago, the children and staff created our own definition of bullying, which we always use to address any bullying concerns that may arise. This is our definition:

- Bullying is on purpose
- Bullying is hurtful (to our bodies or our feelings)
- Bullying is over and over again

The National Anti-Bullying Alliance theme for this year is **'United Against Bullying'** and the aim is to help children understand the importance of everyone standing together to say NO to bullying. The Anti Bullying Alliance focusses upon 3 key areas:

- Together to feel part of a community that stands up for the right things.
- Powerful to work together to make sure that no child ever has to experience bullying again.
- Empowered to know that we all have a part to play in addressing bullying, no matter who you are or where you're from you can make a difference to someone's life.

For further information, please see http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk



What we are doing on Monday 16th

To launch the start of this year's 'National Anti-Bullying Week', on **Monday 16**th **November** children are invited to come to school **wearing odd socks** to show our united front. This **will not** be a fundraising event but will be used to show that QI says 'NO' to bullying. We ask that you ensure that foot wear is still in line with the school policy.

Our Anti-Bullying Policy, which is designed to help members of the school community to identify bullying and distinguish it from broken friendships or 'fall outs', is published on our website – see <u>http://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/Policies</u>. We aim to work together to deal effectively with the issue of bullying and are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all of our children so that they can learn in a happy and secure atmosphere. Bullying of any kind is unacceptable at our school. If bullying or an allegation of bullying does occur, we always take time to talk in depth with those involved to establish the facts and ensure that we take the appropriate action. We are delighted that all parents who gave feedback on our annual questionnaire feel that QI deals with or would deal with bullying effectively. Almost always, whenever a parent is not satisfied, there has been a mis-understanding or breakdown in communication. We consistently work hard to ensure that this does not happen.

We would like to thank you for your support and hope that you too will join us to make a stand against bullying in any form.

Yours sincerely

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