

9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Dear Parents & Carers** 

## Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

I write to you following the sad announcement of the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II yesterday.

As a community, our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this difficult time.

To support our students in this time of national loss, tutor time this morning focused on a special presentation on the Queen's life of service to the country and world.

During morning break, all staff and students observed a two-minute silence and the National Anthem, taking a moment to reflect and show respect. We were extremely proud of our pupils for their behaviour and participation.

Our staff are on hand to talk to children about the death of Her Majesty, address issues raised in the news, and help to explain what will happen over the coming days.

We would like to remind you that we will remain open throughout the period of public mourning. The day of the Queen's funeral will be a public national day of mourning and we therefore anticipate schools will be closed on that day. We will write to you again, once further details are released.

As we all come to terms with what happened, we know that some children will be particularly affected by these events. We will keep the school routine as normal as possible, as well as allowing children opportunities to talk, if they wish to.

If you need any further advice on how to support your child, you may wish to access one of the bereavement charities such as; <u>Winston's Wish</u> - giving hope to grieving children, <u>Child</u> Bereavement UK or Nelson's Journey.

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Yours sincerely,

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